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At least three people drowned and more than 800 terrified passengers, many roused from their sleep, were rescued early Sunday from a ferry that listed and then sank in the southern Philippines, officials said. More than 80 people were missing.

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FBI uncovers SS cards scam

- 1 arrested in alleged purchase of SS cards issued to garment workers
- SS cards to be sold to illegal immigrants in mainland

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REPORTER

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has arrested a person who was allegedly involved in a scam of buying U.S. Social Security account cards issued to garment factory workers on Saipan with the intent to establish identities to illegal immigrants in the U.S. mainland.

Munson

The FBI arrested Miss Yingzi Xu, a Chinese, last Aug. 3, but the indictment was filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI only on Thursday.

Saipan Tribune learned from sources that Xu allegedly purchased 165 SS cards from an undercover FBI agent for a total of $21,450.

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Finance approves video lottery operations in CNMI

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The Department of Finance now allows the operation of video lottery games in the CNMI, paving the way for Bridge Capital LLC to operate such games at the long-vacant La Fiesta Mall in San Roque

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NO. 3 ON MUST-SEE BEACHES

Asian tourists disembark at the Managaha Island dock on a fine Saturday morning. Managaha, a dot of white sand and tropic palms inside the Saipan Lagoon, was named Number 3 on Yahoo Japan's "must-see ranking" of best beaches in the world. This was highlighted under the Summer Trip 2009 category of travel agencies associated with Yahoo Travel. The island, which can be accessed through ferries and speed boats, is also a favorite spot for locals and nonresidents.

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Kilili writes 'open letter' to explain support of federalization delay

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) wrote an "open letter" to the people of the CNMI on Saturday to explain his support of a one-year delay in the implementation of Public Law 110-229, reversing his long-held view supporting federalization as set by law.

Sablan

"This is a reversal of my view and I feel that I owe you an explanation," he said.

Sablan reiterated that this change of position is only be-

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IN TIME FOR TOMORROW'S OPENING

BEH, DEQ clear Saipan schools

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All public schools on Saipan are safe to open regular classes tomorrow after they passed the standards of the Division of Environmental Quality and the Bureau of Environmental Health.

BEH official John Tagabuel disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* his agency's findings last Friday after confirming that inspection for Saipan schools started on Aug. 11.

A total of 22 schools were inspected on island including 10 elementary

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Sept. proclaimed Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

1,500 drug, alcohol addicts treated this year

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After 20 years of being an excessive alcohol drinker, which included a 90-day jail term and several DUIs, Willaim Kintz said he just couldn't handle it anymore and he voluntarily checked in at the Community Guidance Center's treatment and recovery program.

"I was one of the worst. I drank vodka daily. People hated me not because of what I did but because of how I drink. It was too much," said Kintz, who made an emotional testimony during the signing of a proclamation declaring September as the 2009 National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month on Saipan Friday.

Some 1,500 persons who are addicted to drugs, alcohol, gambling and smoking underwent treatment and recovery programs this year, according to Crispin Sablan, head of the CGC Treatment and Recovery Program office.

The figure includes those who joined the program but return to addiction.

He said there is a significant increase in the number of persons they have served compared in the past.

CGC estimated around 400-500 persons have fully recovered or completed the program. This includes those in the previous years.

Kintz who is now a carpenter instructor at the Northern Marianas College, said he finally discovered that he is a wonderful being person after he quit alcohol.

"There is hope for everyone, whether it is addiction for eating, or addiction for gambling," Kintz said.

He said he is undergoing a daily recovery process and it helps a lot to end up with the program.

"I don't sip it and not like it anymore," he said.

Another testimony came from Arnold Rabauliman, who said he tried all kinds of illegal drugs and drank all kinds of alcoholic beverages.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Arnold Rabauliman gives an emotional testimony of his former addiction with all kinds of drugs after Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela signed the proclamation declaring September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

Because of his addiction, he said he lost his family and his job.

Later when he joined the recovery program, he learned that most of his friends in the past were not really his friends.

"They taught me to become a worst person. I ended up in jail. The attorney sent me to a recovery center and I finally returned to God and he gave me a chance," he said.

He said that in the past, he always thought that he was powerless but then he learned how to conquer his fears while attending anger management lessons.

"But now I know that I have to help my self first, appreciate what I'm doing before I can help others in their recovery. It's an everyday process. It's hard but I have to be patient," Rabauliman said.

In signing the proclamation, Mayor Juan B. Tudela commended Kintz and Rabauliman for their courage.

"Alcohol and drug abuse is something that we can control," he said.

The theme this year for the alcohol and drug addiction recovery month is "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal," which emphasized the need to educate people about the disease of addiction and the need to seek help to be healed.

Some 23.2 million people—aged 12 or older in the United States or 9.4 percent of the population—are affected by substance use disorders.

The proclamation stated that it is critical to educate the community that substance use disorders are treatable, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, this can improve the quality of life for the entire community.

Hyatt sues Legislature over alleged unpaid $3,250 food, beverages

Hyatt Regency Saipan has sued the Legislature for allegedly refusing to pay food and beverage services in the amount of $3,250.

Hyatt asked the Superior Court to order the Legislature and a former staff at the Legislature to pay the principal sum together with interest thereon from Jan. 13, 2009 at the rate of 9 percent per annum.

Hyatt, through counsel Michael White, also asked the court to order the defendants to pay courts costs and attorney's fees.

Saipan Tribune withheld for the meantime the name of the former staff named as co-defendant as he already left the Legislature since 2004.

When asked about the lawsuit, Legislative Bureau director Glenna Palacios-Reyes yesterday said she was told that it was already been paid.

The director said she has not seen the complaint yet and that she is also not aware of any food and beverage purchases incurred by the Legislature at Hyatt this year.

White stated in the complaint that the Legislature and the co-defendant are jointly indented to Hyatt for food and beverage services purchased by the defendants in the principal amount of $3,250 together with interest.

"Notwithstanding demand, each defendant has failed, refused, and neglected and still fails, refuses, and neglects to pay the said sum or any part thereof to plaintiff," the lawyer said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Board of Regents: Dissatisfaction survey outdated

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The Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College said that concerns raised by the faculty in the survey conducted by students in Spring 2009 have already been addressed by the board and its management.

Charles V. Cepeda, the board's chairperson, in a statement to *Saipan Tribune* said that they embrace the intent of the survey, which indicated in the result that there was a high level of dissatisfaction for both the board and the president during the time the college was fighting for its accreditation.

"We embrace the intent of the survey," Cepeda said, however, he described the information as somewhat outdated because the board is several months into addressing faculty concerns.

Cepeda

Cepeda expressed wonder why the survey was considered "newsworthy."

"The survey was conducted sometime in the Spring semester, during one of the college's more challenging periods before the accrediting commission reaffirmed NMC's accreditation," he said, adding that 'understandably, there were going to be some dissatisfaction among not only faculty members, but also staff and students."

Cepeda said, nonetheless, the members of the Board of Regents earlier this year have already set in motion initiatives that directly address concerns raised by faculty members.

Early this year, he said, the regents met with the leadership of NMC's constituent groups, including the NMC faculty, to receive input on goals and objectives that the president should prioritize during the upcoming year.

"Some of the concerns from the constituent groups included human resources, communication, and accreditation," said Cepeda.

Accordingly, Cepeda said they instructed the NMC president to place the issues raised by constituent groups on the forefront of her goals and objectives for the year, and are highly confident that the president is addressing them in a manner that is consistent with the board expectations.

"We are not ignorant of the faculty members' concerns," added Cepeda, adding that the survey demonstrates that there are some important concerns among faculty members, and the NMC president is actively working to address those.

He commended the students who worked on the survey and encouraged them to continue their good work.

The students' project was submitted as their final requirement for their current issues class. It was on July 4, 2008 when NMC reaffirmed its accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The survey indicated that there is 61-percent level of dissatisfaction with the board's effectiveness, while 75 percent have some level of dissatisfaction with the current hiring practices of the NMC president.

Besides the satisfaction survey, other studies and reports submitted to the current issues class of Sam McPhetres in Spring 2009 included the most common abused drugs in the CNMI, prostitution, federalization, Article XII, the zoning law's impact, the tourism sites, and other socially-related issues.

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3 of 4 suspects in biggest 'ice' haul plead not guilty

Three of the four suspected suppliers of methamphetamine or "ice" who allegedly sold and yielded over a kilo of "ice" worth about $510,000 pleaded not guilty Friday.

Lian Sheng, Chun Mei Lin, and Ya Bin Huang, who appeared with their respective lawyers, all waived reading of the indictment and pleaded not guilty.

The defendants also waived their right to have a speedy trial.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex Munson set the jury trial for Sheng and Lin on Oct. 19, 2009; and Nov. 23, 2009 for Huang.

Munson set no bail for the three defendants and remanded them back to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

The fourth defendant, Biao Huang, through counsel G. Anthony Ling, informed the court that they were not ready to proceed with the arraignment hearing.

Long requested that the indictment against Huang be translated into the defendant's native language of Mandarin.

Munson granted Huang's request and continued the hearing to Thursday, Sept. 10.

A total of 947 grams worth $473,000 was reportedly seized from Huang and Lian, both males, during a buy-bust operation inside a room in a hotel. In the entire operation, a total of 1,021.4 grams was seized—the biggest "ice" haul in the CNMI so far.

DEA Special Agent Daniel G. Holcomb stated in his declaration filed in court that Biao Huang and Lian were arrested shortly after they handed 947 grams of "ice" to two undercover FBI agents and DEA's confidential source inside a hotel room in Susupe Monday late afternoon.

Lian was allegedly found in possession with intent to sell 9.7 grams of "ice" on Oct. 23, 2008, while Biao Huang was found in possession with intent to distribute 4.8 grams of "ice" on March 19, 2009.

On May 20, 2009, Biao Huang and Lian were allegedly found in possession with intent to deliver 5.8 grams of "ice."

With respect to Lin, the defendant was allegedly found in possession with intent to distribute 14.1 net grams of "ice" on Aug. 29, 2008 and 40 more net grams of "ice" on July 28, 2009.

Holcomb said Ya Bin Huang was the companion of Lin, a Chinese woman who sold 15 grams of "ice" worth $6,000 to DEA's confidential source in the parking of a store in Chalan Kanoa on Aug. 29, 2008. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

BEH

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schools, two middle schools, three high schools, and seven Head Start centers.

Tagabuel said there are still six Head Start centers that are scheduled for inspection last week.

"All the inspected school campuses are [in] compliance with DEQ-BEH standards," Tagabuel told *Saipan Tribune*.

The BEH official said that two school campuses required follow-up inspection for minor sanitary discrepancies and had been rectified.

Tagabuel said all the schools' sanitary permits are still valid and have not expired, with exception of five campuses.

Results of the inspection at Tinian and Rota schools have yet to be disclosed as of press time.

Last school year, opening of regular classes were delayed for over a week by the governor after the administration found out that some public schools were not in compliance with BEH-DEQ standards.

The positive result of the inspection among schools was also reported by Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan to the Board of Education last week, in anticipation of a smooth class opening this week.

BEH's office is an enforcement arm of the Department of Public Health, which issues sanitary permits.

The joint inspection team, according to Tagabuel, issues inspection findings and sanitary application for renewal for all the schools, including the five campuses.

"The sanitary permitting is a process and have timeline, thus, it would be premature for BEH office to single out the five schools while the process is ongoing," Tagabuel explained when asked about the exemption of five schools.

He said that it is the responsibility of each respective schools or representative to renew the sanitary permit this school year at BEH office.

Ready to combat virus, flu

Saipan Tribune learned that as early as July when H1N1 cases turned into a global health concern, PSS enforced additional prevention programs including the creation of an emergency task force to solely deal with the spread of the virus on campuses.

The system also intensified its awareness and educational campaign for the proper dissemination of information to the parents and the community.

KILILI

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cause the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is not ready to implement the federalization law.

"I want to be very clear: I am not seeking delay for the sake of delay. I am not interested in simply moving back the goalposts. We have already had one six-month delay to give the Department time to prepare and the Department is still not prepared. Any new action by Congress will have to require that DHS do its job in a way that the Department cannot duck. And any new action by Congress must force the Department to act as quickly as possible, so that we can make the transition, erase the uncertainties, and get on with the work of building the Commonwealth," he said.

Sablan's open letter came a few days after announcing his new position on federalization during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's monthly general membership meeting at The Palms Resort in San Roque on Wednesday.

But in his open letter, Sablan mistook the Chamber of Commerce meeting for "Tuesday." Chamber's monthly membership meeting is held every first Wednesday of the month.

P.L. 110-229 sets the new implementation date of federalization on Nov. 28, 2009, after the original date of June 1 was pushed back by 180 days, the maximum allowed by law, because DHS was not ready to implement it.

"I continue to believe that federal immigration control is in the long-term best interest of the people of our Commonwealth. Although a certain amount of readjustment could be expected with this transition, the public has a right to expect the responsible government agency to accomplish the job with the highest degree of professionalism and the minimum disruption to public services, to families and to businesses," Sablan said.

"It is now my judgment that the Department of Homeland Security is not prepared to meet these standards and establish effective control of the borders on November 28," he added.

Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce separately welcomed Sablan's support for a delay in the implementation of the federalization law.

The Fitial administration and the Chamber have been asking for further federalization delay, especially in light of the exclusion of Chinese and Russian tourists from the federal visa waiver program and DHS's failure to issue regulations on foreign investors and CNMI-only transitional worker program with only months before implementation date.

Sablan cited as principal reason for his judgment about DHS is that "the department has budgeted no money for the transition, despite having reported to Congress that $86 million will be necessary for this job."

"This lack of funds may account for the lack of presence—no personnel and no equipment are in place—a scant 90 days before the date of transition," he said.

The CNMI's first non-voting delegate to the U.S. Congress said that DHS also lacks the necessary regulations.

"DHS may publish regulations explaining how investors will be treated within 60 days of November 28, as the law requires; but DHS shows no sign of issuing regulations explaining the fate of transitional workers. And the regulations regarding the visa waiver program have not been finalized — or changed to allow Chinese and Russian tourists to continue to visit the Northern Mariana Islands as they now do," he said.

Sablan believes the public needs an opportunity to consider how DHS intends to interpret the law and sufficient time to provide feedback to the agency, and the agency needs sufficient time to carefully consider and respond to that feedback.

He also said that DHS has yet to address many problems of transition associated with the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens, and with non-U.S. citizens who are long-standing residents of the Commonwealth.

In his open letter and during his remarks at the Chamber meeting, Sablan said DHS has refused to answer any of the questions he has asked, as well as those asked by the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, and U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources chair Sen. Jeff Bingaman and ranking member Sen. Lisa Murkowski.

"I have concluded that the Department does not know…. So, I have decided to work for a delay in implementation of federal border control, even though I know this will be most difficult to accomplish," Sablan added.

If and when federalization is not delayed anew, the administration said it has at least a special protocol working group to address possible contingencies for Nov. 28. The group will be meeting weekly to prepare for worst-case scenarios involving federalization.

A further delay in federalization would require a separate legislation to amend P.L. 110-229.

FINANCE

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as it originally proposed to Finance.

But acting Gov. Eloy Inos told *Saipan Tribune* that as of last week, the government has not signed any contract yet with Bridge Capital, the only private firm that responded to Finance's request for proposal (RFP09-SOF-051) involving the lease, development or revitalization of La Fiesta Mall in February.

Bridge Capital, an international investment banking firm headquartered in the CNMI, proposed to operate video lottery at the former La Fiesta Mall.

At the time, Finance regulations didn't have a provision allowing video lottery operation.

In May, Finance proposed amendments to its regulations to update rules on lottery operations, which include "elimination of language concerning lottery activities that are no longer applicable, and amending language to reflect new lottery games." Among other things, it proposes video lottery operations in the CNMI.

When the latest Commonwealth Register dated Aug. 27 and distributed last week, it included acting Finance secretary Robert "Bob" Schrack's public notice of "certification and adoption" of Finance's proposed rules published in May.

"The DOF (Department of Finance) announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent, and now does so," Schrack said in the two-page notice, adding that there were five "non-material changes" made to the prior publication of proposed rules.

Inos, who was the Finance secretary both when the La Fiesta RFP was issued and when the department proposed to change its regulations, said that Finance is still discussing the La Fiesta revitalization project with Bridge Capital.

Bridge Capital refused to comment on the issue last week. Richard D. Moreno, business development and asset manager of Bridge Capital, referred media questions instead to Assistant Attorney General James Stump, who serves as counsel to Finance. Stump has yet to respond to media questions.

The effective date of Finance's new regulations is 10 days after compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act which, in this instance, is 10 days after the Aug. 27 publication in the Commonwealth Register.

Under the new Finance regulations, "video lottery" is defined as "any lottery conducted on a video lottery machine or linked video lottery machines with an aggregate progression prize or prizes."

A video lottery machine, meanwhile, is any machine in which coins, credits or tokens are deposited in order to play any game of chance in which the results, including options available to the player, are randomly and immediately determined by any machine.

Finance said a machine may use spinning reels or video displays or both, and may not dispense coins or tokens directly to winning players.

In June, Bridge Capital chief executive officer John K. Baldwin said they will be investing a minimum of $5 million to revitalize the long-vacant La Fiesta Mall in San Roque that will consist mainly of video lottery games, along with restaurants, shops and other tourist attractions.

If and when the government awards a contract to Bridge Capital, it will be the first time that video lottery games will be operating in the CNMI.

Bridge Capital bought interest on the La Fiesta property in March 2007.

FBI

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The indictment charged Xu with attempt and conspiracy to commit identification document fraud, possession with intent to use or transfer five or more documents, and buying a SS card and possessing a SS card with intent to sell.

At yesterday's hearing, Xu pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Judge Alex R. Munson set no bail at this time for the defendant and remanded her to the custody of the U.S. Marshal. The jury trial was set for Oct. 5, 2009.

According to the indictment, Xu committed the conspiracy to commit identification document fraud occurred on Feb. 16, 2009, and continuing through Aug. 3, 2009.

The defendant allegedly purchased the SS cards on Feb. 16, 2009.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Schuler is prosecuting the case.

Saipan Tribune learned that the FBI seized 167 SS cards from a passenger that was flying to China in November 2008.

The FBI then used 165 of the 167 SS confiscated cards to sell them to Xu during the operation.

Defendant Xu came to Saipan in February 2009 allegedly to buy the 165 SS cards from the undercover FBI agent.

Xu came back again last month. The FBI then arrested her.

"She's buying the cards in order to sell them. In this case the SS cards are used to establish identities for other people in the U.S. mainland, " according to Schuler, who stated that the investigation in ongoing.

The FBI also arrested Mr. Yongri Piao on the same day Xu was arrested. But on Thursday, Munson dismissed the complaint filed against Piao based on the prosecution's recommendation.

Schuler in the motion to dismiss stated that after conducting further investigation and having the opportunity to discuss the matter with defendants through their counsel, the government no longer wishes to proceed with the prosecution of Piao.

Nineteen persons were reportedly indicted in February 2009 in Chicago in connection with the selling to Chinese nationals of SS account cards issued on Saipan between 2003 and 2008.

Approximately 16,666 Illinois driver's licenses and identification cards were issued to individuals using SS numbers with a "586" prefix, which is assigned to Saipan, Guam, American Samoa, and the Philippines. But the complaint stated that a "large portion" of these cards were issued by the SSA on Saipan.

‘Bringing in paralyzed stabbing victim from China for trial a brutal trip’

Prosecutor’s repeated request for funding to get victim denied

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REPORTER

Bringing a stabbing victim who is now in China to testify in the trial of John Namauleg is a brutal trip for a paralyzed woman who needs round-the-clock care, according to a government prosecutor.

“Such a trip would mean a journey of several hours by bus from a remote village in northern China in the province of Jilin, even before dealing with several flight transfers, no easy task for a woman who needs help to dress, and cannot control her bowels,” Assistant Attorney General Matthew Meyer stated in court papers filed on Friday.

Meyer also disclosed that they had requested funding several times to bring in the victim, Yahui Tian, back to Saipan but were denied.

The prosecutor discussed the medical condition of Tian in support of the government’s motion for immediate stay of the trial of Namauleg in the Superior Court.

In the trial of Namauleg, Presiding Judge Robert Naraja has barred the prosecution from using the deposition testimony of Tian who is now reportedly paralyzed.

Naraja agreed with Chief Public Defender Adam Hardwicke’s objection to the prosecution’s use of Tian’s deposition on the ground that it was barred because the government failed to prove that the witness was available.

Deposition refers to the taking of the testimony of a party or witness under oath before a court reporter, in a place away from the courtroom before trial. This testimony can be read into the record if the witness is not available during the trial.

With Naraja’s ruling, the OAG filed before the CNMI Supreme Court an emergency motion to put the jury trial on hold. He also filed a motion to compel Naraja to use the victim’s deposition testimony in the trial.

In support of the motion for immediate stay, Meyer pointed out that he stated on the record at least one month prior to trial that the government did not have the fund to return Tian for trial.

“It would be tragic to find that a lack of funds on behalf of the government, especially when it acted righteously in the first instance, be found to make the government’s sincere efforts unreasonable,” Meyer said.

Meyer said while not a “doctors note,” the declaration from attorney Eric Smith adequately informed the court regarding Tian’s condition.

He said Smith, who does keep on regular contact with Tian through a translator, relates that despite minor improvements, her condition is improved little.

“She (Tian) will never walk, and still needs around the clock care,” Meyer said.

“Making a severely debilitated woman, a victim of shocking brutality, make a long bus trip, when she is unable to control her bowels and needs the presence of a caretaker, is unreasonable,” he pointed out.

Namauleg is on trial for attempted second-degree murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, and aggravated assault and battery. The trial is on hold pending the high court’s ruling on the government’s appeal.

According to police, Tian had just arrived from church on the evening of Feb. 24, 2008 and was about to take a shower in the barracks’ bathroom in Afetna when Namauleg, armed with a knife, attacked her. When police responded to the scene, they observed the knife still lodged on the victim’s nape.

CAPTAIN’S TRAINING CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Captain Chris Adams, far left, of the Florida-based group Adams Marine Seminars conducts a class activity during a recent captain’s licensing course held at the Northern Marianas College’s Tinian campus. Staff members at NMC’s Tinian site assisted students in filling out all required documents to secure funds from the Workforce Investment Agency to pay for the course. The course, which focused on the operation of commercial passenger vehicles, offered training that will enable license holders to operate dive boats and transportation vessels between Saipan and Tinian.

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PUC approves $45M preferred stocks to CDA

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The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission approved the proposed $45-million preferred stock agreement between the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and Commonwealth Development Authority during Thursday's meeting.

The approval is subject to the condition that CDA will file a satisfaction judgment in Superior Court.

"CUC is authorized to issue $45 million of preferred stock to CDA in accordance with the terms of the agreement," the commission's decision stated.

PUC also ordered and directed the utilities corporation to track all internally funded capital improvement investments in its three divisions.

In consultation with the Georgetown Consulting Group, the commission also ordered CUC to propose not later than November 2009 a process by which it will report these investments to the commission and use them as a basis for repurchasing up to $16.2 million dollars in its preferred stock.

It was earlier disclosed that stock conversion will cure CUC's debt to CDA amounting to $177 million—$61 million in principal and accelerated interest of $116 million at the end of fiscal year 2008.

In its investigation, Georgetown bared that CUC's default status is a major financial event and, until cured, prevents CUC access to traditional short and long term credit markets.

The stock conversion was described by the consultant as advantageous to the CUC.

The newly approved $45-million preferred stock agreement translates to $16 million waiver of the CUC's previous outstanding loans for sewer and water projects.

The approved agreement contains favorable annual dividends, quarterly payment provisions, and the deferral of the first three years of dividends, subject to the interest-free amortization of the deferred dividends over a 15-year term.

The three-year dividend deferral period is designed to allow CUC ample time for fiscal recovery because CUC will make no dividend payments to CDA, while only $270,000 would be due from Year 4 through Year 18 in quarterly dividends.

This also included two types of buyback provisions that will allow CUC to buy back in whole or in part any of the outstanding preferred stock, or what is classified as "standard buyback."

Furthermore, the agreement requires that any purchase money from CUC's privatization will be applied to CUC obligations and then to redeeming the CDA shares, subject to the commission's approval.

"We find the agreement to be consistent with the earlier memorandums of agreement between CDA and CUC. We are of the opinion that the agreement is fair and equitable to CUC and beneficial to CUC ratepayers," Georgetown's report stated.

PSS launches new strategic priority with *Students First*

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The CNMI Public School System released the September issue of *Students First*, the publication founded by the leadership of Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan.

The 20-page newsletter is enclosed with the developments of the system, each individual school's progress, as well as the expectations for the new school year 2009-2010.

Students First also introduced education stakeholders to a new strategy, which is now added to the original PSS Four Strategic Priorities.

Dubbed as the Strategic Priorities Plus One, PSS said this has been a result of increasing student and classroom performance, with parents, families and community roles in the forefront.

Sablan, according to the article, filled the "missing link" in the existing four strategic priorities which is the parent and community partnership.

"True to its form and intent and over the course of the past 11 years since the strategic priorities was rolled out in 1998 the four priorities, directly involving students, teachers and the school system's operation. However, missing was the parents and the community's role in shaping the performance of students in the classrooms," the PSS publication stated.

The commissioner said that with the addition of the fifth strategy, there remains the need for continuous improvement with the school system.

"…And with the fifth strategy in place, it would be a test case for classroom to see increased community, families and parent partnership in student performance," the commissioner said.

The four strategic priorities included high student performance, highly qualified faculty and staff, effective and efficient operations, and safe and orderly schools.

The new one is the parent and community partnership.

It was during the term of then-education commissioner Dr. Rita Inos when the strategic priorities were developed to set the direction of the school system's progress. These were updated annually and embedded in the school district's improvement plan including individual school's action plan through accreditation process.

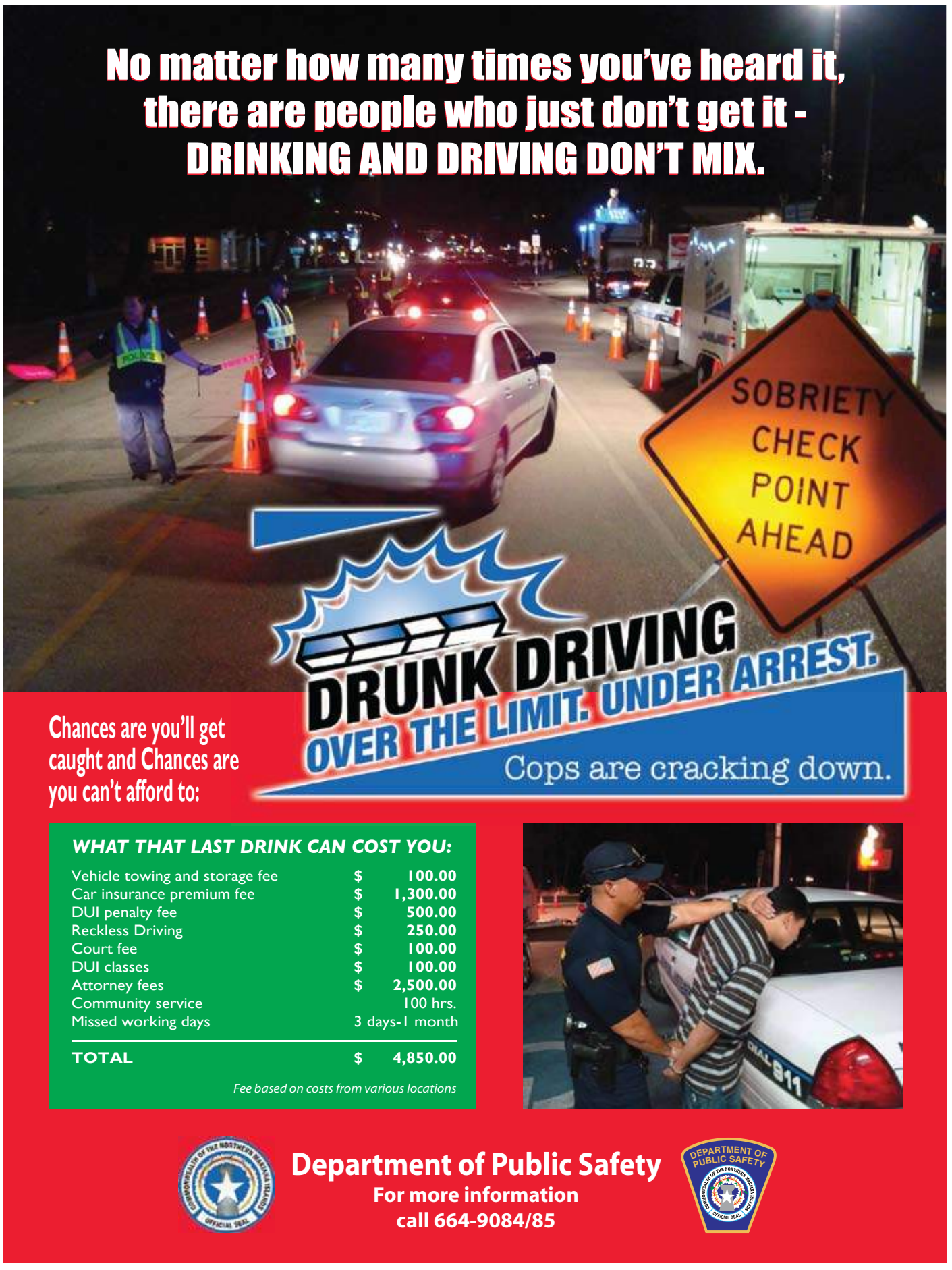
"We have added this fifth strategy because PSS see parents as key stakeholders of the child's future. With parents being a part of their whole being," commissioner Sablan as quoted on the publication.

Also embedded in the publication's September issue is the school food menus, bus schedules for all schools, the system's calendar for the school year, as well as the individual school's class schedule and contact persons.

PSS publication also shared with stakeholders the efforts poured in by staff, officials, and government agencies for the stimulus money, which will provide the school system $32.3 million grant starting this school year.

Students First is a nonprofit publication established by PSS in 2008 with the main objective of bringing the island's educational system closer to the community.

Sablan serves as its founder and editor-in-chief, while the CNMI State Board of Education serves as its editorial board chair.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Pursuant to the Jobs for Veterans Act (US PL 107-288) (38 USC 4215), priority of service is provided to veterans (and certain spouses) who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for all employment and training programs funded by the USDOL to include funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

For more information, contact WIA at 664-1704; 1707;1708 and 1757 or email us at gov.wia@pticom.com.

This community outreach is funded by a grant made possible under the USDOL Employment and Training Administration.

Commonwealth suspends Fiji over democracy

SUVA, Fiji (AP)—Fiji's military-led government said Wednesday its suspension from the 53-nation Commonwealth is the price it must pay for its reform of the country's political system, and insisted that it will not hold elections before 2014.

The Commonwealth suspended Fiji on Tuesday after it failed to meet certain conditions such as resuming a dialogue with opposition groups and holding early democratic elections.

Acting Prime Minister Ratu Epeli Ganilau said the suspension was disappointing and unfortunate, but there was no way the government could meet the Commonwealth's deadline.

"These (international responses) are sacrifices that have to be faced, in order to achieve what we've set out to do. Reforms don't happen overnight, we're talking about major reforms here to the political process," he told Radio New Zealand International.

Ganilau is serving as acting prime minister while self-appointed leader Frank Bainimarama is out of the country.

The Commonwealth, comprised of the United Kingdom, its dependencies, and many former British colonies, ruled in July that unless Fiji met its demands, the nation would face being cut off from all aid from the group and banned from the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Fiji has been under military rule since Bainimarama, the country's armed forces chief, seized power in a 2006 coup. His government had promised elections earlier this year, but Bainimarama reneged on the promise, saying he needed more time to root out corruption and reshape the country's political system.

Bainimarama said Tuesday that nothing will sway Fiji from its roadmap to hold elections in 2014.

"The Fiji government believes the roadmap is the only path to ensuring sustainable and true democracy, which includes ... to have elections in 2014," Bainimarama told a Fiji radio station.

Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said the government's decision to delay elections more than seven years after the 2006 coup "is completely unacceptable."

Bainimarama

"Australia continues to be very concerned about human rights abuses by the regime, particularly the reduced independence of the judiciary, media censorship, intimidation of opponents, and the recent harassment of Methodist Church leaders," he said in a statement.

New Zealand Foreign Minister Murray McCully said it's difficult to see Fiji making "any speedy progress" toward democracy, respect for the rule of law and human rights — "the glue that holds the Commonwealth together."

"There's really nothing we can do to force Fiji down a path toward democracy and the rule of law. We just have to patiently wait for the time when they want to receive international assistance," he told National Radio.

Fiji has had a strained relationship with the Commonwealth in recent years.

It had been left out of Commonwealth meetings since Bainimarama's coup and often has seen its Commonwealth membership restricted.

The nation was first suspended in 1987 following a coup led by Lt. Col. Sitiveni Rabuka, but was readmitted a decade later after he made a formal apology to the queen.

It was again suspended when Bainimarama abrogated the constitution in 2000. It was readmitted the next year, but suspended from the Commonwealth's councils when Bainimarama seized power in December 2006.

The military chief is expected to meet with the Commonwealth's special representative to Fiji, former New Zealand Governor General Sir Paul Reeves, when he visits Sept. 9.

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

Anthony P. Sonoda and Lorraine Anne C. Sonoda now known as Lorraine Anne T. Cabrera, (collectively "Trustor"), on or about March 11, 2002 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, formerly known as the Mariana Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, United States of America, ("VA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on March 11, 2002 under Document No. 02-585 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the VA.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 019 I 30, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 948 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON THE SURVEY PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 019 I 04, DLS CHECK NO. 019 I 02, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS FILED WITH THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S OFFICE, AS FILE NO. 91-2320, ON MAY 13, 1991.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default Trustee issued its Notice of Default on January 21, 2009. Thirty days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2CMC §4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Trustee will, on **Friday, September 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's office in Garapan, Saipan** under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **One Hundred Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty and 00/100 ($102,960.00)**, the total amount due under the VA loan.

A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within 72 hours of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within 72 hours will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC. The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property of the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 21st day of August, 2009.

/s/ Joshua T. Sasamoto
Corporate Director, NMHC

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Replacement of Lighting Fixtures
Saipan Commercial Port
Project No. CPA-SS-003-09a

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the complete replacement of 117 light fixtures on thirteen (13) light poles, located along the ocean front of the dock at Saipan Seaport.

A detailed scope of work is available at the office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for the Replacement of Lighting Fixtures at the Saipan Commercial Port, Project Number CPA-SS-003-09a"***. The proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, September 18, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at *3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2009* at the Port of Saipan Conference Room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting will be allowed to submit proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: September 2, 2009

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FUEL HAULING SERVICES

Saipan Harbor & CPA ARFF
CPA-RFP-007-09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for fuel hauling services to the Port of Saipan and the ARFF facility at the Saipan International Airport. Due to physical constraints and volume required, a small type delivery truck will be suitable.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Proposal for Fuel Hauling Services to the Port of Saipan and the ARFF Facility at the Saipan International Airport".*** The proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, September 25, 2009,** to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

Questions will be accepted until September 22, 2009 and are to be submitted in writing to the office of the Executive Director or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 18, 2009 at the Saipan International Airport Conference Room (2nd floor of the Departure terminal). Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting will be allowed to submit proposals.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E. September 7, 2009
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Businessman donates $1K to Korean center

The Korean Cultural Center-Korean Language School recently accepted a $1,000 donation from Korean businessman Honggyun Kim.

The donation will be unofficially be called the Doh Eul scholarship and will be used for free Korean language classes which are designed for local English speaking people.

Doh Eul was the name of Kim's late son. Still heartbroken by the untimely passing of his son, the businessman nevertheless wants to do some good things for local people in his son's name.

Most of the students of the Korean Cultural Center have to pay for their tuition, causing some of them not to enroll because of the lack of funds.

The center provides programs at Northern Marianas College, Korean Center next to Korean Community School in Afetnas (the former Neo Fashion site) and Koblerville Youth Learning Center.

According to Korean Cultural Center president Daniel Huh, the center is hoping to credit Korean language classes at NMC by Spring or Fall of next semester.

For more information, contact Huh at 285-2221 or send an e-mail at Korean2221@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Korean businessman Honggyun Kim hands over his $1,000 donation to Korean Cultural Center president Daniel Huh.

WELCOME TO SAIPAN CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Welcome to Saipan to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andres who are making their first trip to the CNMI. Greetings from the Pagsinohin family.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB09-OPM-139

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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/s/ **ISIDRO K. SEMAN**
ACTING DIRECTOR OF OPM

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB09-CEC-140

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 • TIME: 10:30 A.M.

"TO AMEND 1 CMC SECTION 9913 IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PROVISION OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT APPLICABLE TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FOR THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTION COMMISSION"

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/s/ **ROBERT A. GUERRERO**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB09-CEC-143

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 • TIME: 11:00 A.M.

"TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 9(a) HLI 16-11, HD2, TO AMEND ARTICLE XV, SECTION 1(c) and (e) HLI 15-3, HD 1 TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1 SLI 16-11 FOR THE COMMONWEALTH ELECTION COMMISSION"

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009 AT 8:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE, RM. B2, TATACHOG, ROTA. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Roll Call
  2. Adoption of Agenda
  3. Adoption of Minutes
    a. August 4, 2009
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. REPORTS
  2. Financial Report - CDA
  3. Legal Counsel's Report
IV. DIVISIONS/COMMITTEES
  1. Administrative Matters/Personnel & Budget
    a. Fiscal Year 2009 Budget – Revised
    b. Fiscal Year 2009 Audit
    c. Update on Foreclosed Properties
  2. Development Corporation Division (DCD)
  3. DBD/Public Finance Committee
  4. QC Program/Economic Development Activities.
    a. Benefits Guidelines
V. OLD BUSINESS
  1. Small Business Development Center
  2. Business Incubator
VI. NEW BUSINESS
VII. OTHER MATTERS
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. ***(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)***

/s/ PEDRO I. ITIBUS
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

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PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DIVISION (DCD) OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THRU ITS CHAIRWOMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE DCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 AT 11:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE, RM. B2, TATACHOG, ROTA. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Roll Call
II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
IV. REPORTS
  1. Financial Report – DCD
  2. Loan Reports
    a. Loan Applications
    b. Approved Loans & Bank Guarantees
    c. Bank Guarantees Status' Report
    d. Loan Status/Receivables Report
    e. DCD Performing Loan Summary/Delinquency & Litigation
V. OLD BUSINESS
  1. Preliminary Recommendation to Provide Further Debt Relief
VI. NEW BUSINESS
  1. New Loan Requests
  2. Borrowers' Requests
VII. OTHER MATTERS
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman, CDA Board of Directors

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

SEPT. 7, 1999

Hakubotan turns the tables against Saresco

Hakubotan Saipan Enterprises has filed a $30 million countersuit against its former business partner, Saresco Inc., for fraud, breach of contract, and unfair competition, among others. The civil suit filed Friday at the Superior Court alleged that Saresco, a French-owned management service corporation, schemed a "premeditated, predatory plan" to destroy and eventually take over the duty-free store business. Robert O'Connor, attorney for Hakubotan, charged that Saresco "induced Hakubotan Saipan to enter into an arrangement where it would lose control of its own store, its supplier would be cut off, it would be unable to pay outstanding liabilities and would therefore be forced to either turn over ownership and control of Hakubotan Store to Saresco France or sell the store to Saresco at a grossly undervalued price."

House OKs revenue-generating measure for the court

A measure permitting the Superior Court to make money from the trust funds temporarily entrusted to the judiciary as well as from individuals convicted of criminal offense has passed the House of Representatives in efforts to raise badly-needed revenues. House Bill 11-420, voted unanimously during a session last week, now heads to the Senate for action. Proposed by Rep. Heinz Hofschneider, chair of the House committee on Health, Education and Welfare, the legislation aims to boost depleted resources of the court. The measure will allow the court to deposit trust funds in the banks at no cost to the government to earn interests whose proceeds shall then be used to administer the program.

SEPT. 7, 2000

Typhoon displaces 85

At least 85 individuals trooped to eight designated emergency shelters near their villages to seek refuge from tropical storm Saomai. Chalan LaoLao resident Rosario Peter and her family moved to the Garapan Elementary School shelter early Tuesday evening with hopes of seeking temporary relief. "We had to evacuate because our roof leaks with rain and my grandfather cannot be exposed to that because he has an ailment," said Ms. Peter.

Boat owners: No to compromise

Boat owners and tour operators are not likely to accept a compromise on HB 12-250 restricting them in either Outer Cove Marina or the Smiling Cove despite efforts by lawmakers to find a middle ground. Rexford Kosack, lawyer for three tour operators and a boat owner himself, told the House transportation committee that they don't see the need anymore to improve the bill to satisfy everyone's concerns. He urged lawmakers to address the real issues, particularly on the boat owners and tour operators' appeal to resolve the disputes over safety and rates at the Outer Cove, instead of enacting such legislation.

SEPT. 7, 2001

'Factories performing up to par'

Except for minor discrepancies, most of Saipan's garment factories have been found to be increasingly compliant with the standards set by the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association under its strict code of conduct for members. SGMA recently released the findings of the June 2001 monitoring inspections performed by Global Social Compliance, the off-shore operative for PricewaterhouseCoopers, of SGMA member companies. The inspection reports provided to the members, SGMA and eventually the islands' buyers and retailers, mirror "excellent performance and continued improvement with SGMA Code of Conduct compliance."

Eligible voters urged to register

The Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday reminded the local community that the registration of eligible voters for the 2001 regular general election is ongoing. Any person qualified to vote may register during normal business hours at the Office of the Commonwealth Election Commission in Capitol Hill. Registration is also being conducted from 9am to 3pm on Saturdays at Price Costco in San Jose. Eligible voters residing in Rota who require registration information may contact Charles A. Manglona, Miranda V. Manglona or Vicente S. Atalig. Tinian residents may contact Carmen DLC. Farrell, Matthew C. Masga or Mary Diaz. Residents of the islands north of Saipan may contact the office of Mayor Joseph T. Ogumoro. Any eligible voter who needs assistance in registering to vote may contact the Election Commission to arrange for assistance and/or a home visit.

Donations for LISS humanitarian cause soars

After eight weeks of building their humanitarian project at Laderra International School of Saipan, its students took a look at their project and saw the fruition of their hard labor.

Through the kindness and generosity of a community pulling together for those in need, the LISS Humanitarian Class expresses their appreciation to all businesses and people who see this as a worthy cause for the community.

Donations and contributions received are from businesses such as the PCC Corporation-Mobil Middle Road Service Station, Bridge Capital, National Office Supply, the Pacific Islands Club, and Price Costco, all came forward for the cause. Additionally, individual donations have come in from the 16th Legislature of the Commonwealth, Senate President Pete P. Reyes, Speaker of the House Arnold I. Palacios and Rep. Edward Salas.

Personal donations received came from Dr. Esther Kanayjorn, Ms. Lulu and Ms. Soll—Fiesta Resort & Spa, Mr/Mrs. Stephen Sablan of Plumas Lake, California, Pastor Cliff and Denise Shoemake of Turning Point Ministries and Mr/Mrs. Joel Smith. The LISS Humanitarian class was astonished of the results, this will allow the class to at least offer approximately 500 students school supplies as they start school next week. Additionally, we are elated to know that a humanitarian group from Guam will also support the cause and may be on island to assist LISS in its distribution of the supplies next week.

The Humanitarian Class of LISS has embarked on a back-to-school charity program to help community children in need who are less fortunate to receive school supplies for this coming school year. A target of 500 of basic necessity school supplies was made for the class.

"We are ecstatic that supporters from our business community and persons who care whether on island or abroad came forward to provide assistance for those in need, especially during these difficult times. On behalf of the Ladera International School of Saipan Humanitarian Group, we say thanks to thanks to all contributors for their generous support for our children in the Commonwealth," said LISS director Wayne Pangelinan.

"This program would not have been possible without the support and expertise of instructors, special presenters, supporters, and the leadership qualities of Mrs. Rose Smith. These individuals have instilled great knowledge in the minds of our students. On behalf of LISS, we thank Brook Nevitt from CRM, Steve Havey from Solid Waste Management, Lee Bowen from NMC CREES, Ms. Kathy from MINA, Joel Kaipat, Angelo Villagomez Beautify CNMI, Eric Cruz from Ericco/Maeda, Mr. Bras from the Saipan landfill, and Mr. John Hirsh from Red Cross for their untiring and endless support for the LISS Humanitarian Class," added Pangelinan. ***(PR)***

High surf advisory in effect until tomorrow

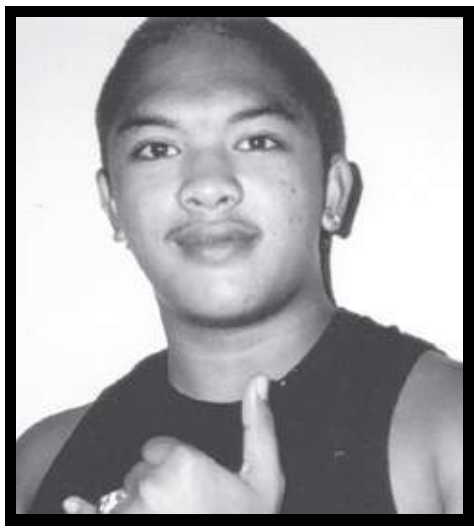
A large west swell will produce hazardous surf on west facing reefs through Tuesday afternoon and thus a high surf advisory remain in effect until 4pm tomorrow, according to the CNMI Emergency Management Office.

The EMO received the information from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam.

Due to the high surf advisory, Acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos is strongly advising the general public, to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches—especially those along west facing reefs—where rip currents will be life threatening.

According to the agency the large west swell generated by a monsoon surge in the Philippine Sea have caused combined seas to build to small craft advisory heights. Seas are expected to subside below advisory heights by Monday evening.

EMO said Saipan was to expect hazardous surf of 9 to 12 feet Sunday on west facing beaches and reefs. Surf is expected to peak at 11 to 13 feet Sunday night, then slowly subside today and Tuesday. ***(PR)***



HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY

Happy 16th birthday to Antancio Taitingfong Jr., we hope you enjoy your day and many may the Lord continue blessing you with many more birthdays to come. From your Auntie Flor, and Tanya, and Jatin.

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HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY

Happy 12th birthday to Nathan Clark. With love always, Mom, Dad, and Pops.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Ana Helena Lizama Reyes who is celebrating her 4th birthday today, Sept. 7. May you be blessed with many more wonderful years to come. We love you. Greetings from Mommy, Daddy, Amma, Ampa, and your family in Hawaii, Washington, D.C., Illinois, Oregon, and Saipan.

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NOTIFICATION OF WIA DISLOCATED WORKER FUNDING PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

CATEGORY A: GENERAL DISLOCATED WORKERS. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

CATEGORY B: PLANT CLOSURE. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, a plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility will close within 180 days; or
3. For purposes of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility will close.

CATEGORY C: SELF-EMPLOYED or UNEMPLOYED. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self-employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT WIA AT 664-1704;1707; 1708 OR 1757 or email us at gov.wia@pticom.com. All other program eligibility applies.

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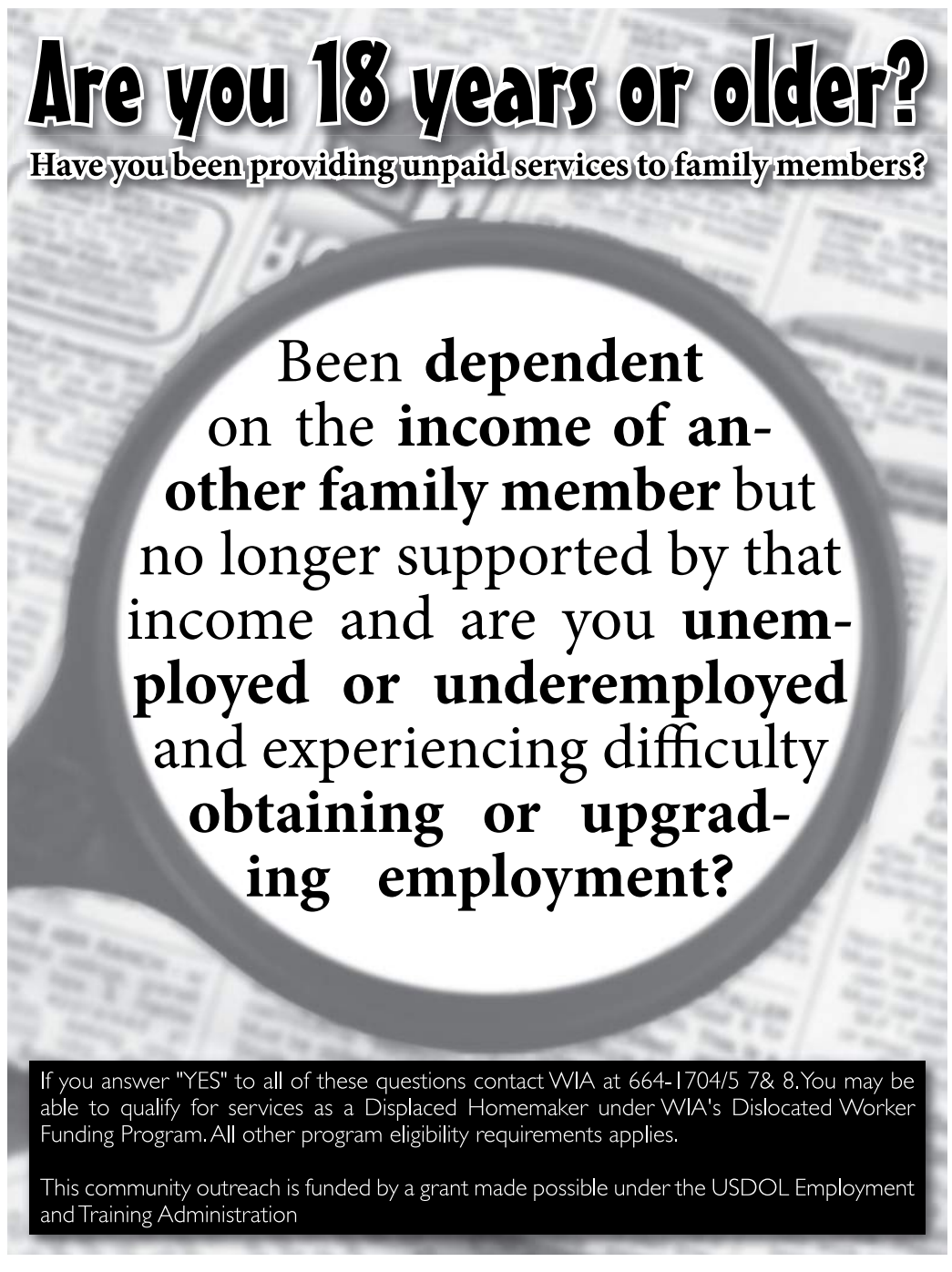
Are you 18 years or older?
Have you been providing unpaid services to family members?
Been dependent on the income of another family member but no longer supported by that income and are you unemployed or underemployed and experiencing difficulty obtaining or upgrading employment?
If you answer "YES" to all of these questions contact WIA at 664-1704/5 7& 8. You may be able to qualify for services as a Displaced Homemaker under WIA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements applies.
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Bank battle

When last they met, six months ago, the finance ministers of the Group of 20 countries were still facing fears of a second Great Depression. At the time, the United States and Europe were at odds, with the Obama administration emphasizing fiscal stimulus and the Europeans, with French President Nicolas Sarkozy in the lead, wanting to talk about global financial regulation. As they prepare to assemble again in London this weekend, the threat of global economic catastrophe no longer seems quite so real, notwithstanding the unresolved transatlantic policy differences. But the problem of how to repair the global finance and trading systems remains. And the United States and Europe are still on rather different wavelengths.

Sarkozy, joined by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, is calling for internationally coordinated "binding rules" that would rein in bonuses at banks and link them to long-term performance. "Even the English understand," Sarkozy noted, "that you have to regulate, you have to impose limits and that there are unacceptable scandals." The Obama administration, aware of the uneven results such policies have had within the United States, seems cool to the idea. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has emphasized instead the importance of tougher capital requirements for financial institutions to prevent them from becoming dangerously highly leveraged—as many banks and investment banks were when the panic hit.

Geithner's approach makes more sense. To be sure, the European idea has populist appeal. And certainly compensation plans should not give banks incentives to take excessive risks. But if you want to prevent banks from operating like casinos, you can accomplish that just as well by denying them the means to do so—by requiring them to hold more money in reserve, as Geithner suggests. In fact, it's preferable to do it that way because, even though it's hardly simple to design and enforce safe capital requirements, governments are much better equipped by experience and expertise to do that than they are to calibrate the optimal pay for the world's bond traders.

The G-20 needs to stick to pressing matters that, while hardly simple, lend themselves better to international coordination. The first is keeping the global trading system as open as possible, through a resumption of the Doha round of tariff-reduction talks. The Obama administration must show more clarity and commitment on trade; it took some steps in that direction by naming a new ambassador to the World Trade Organization and announcing a resumption of low-level Doha talks.

The second issue for the G-20 is establishing a common strategy, or at least common principles, for when and how to unwind the massive fiscal and monetary stimulus that governments have used to avert depression—and to do it without triggering either inflation or a double-dip recession. Indeed, if the ministers could pull that off this weekend, we'd say they'd earned themselves a bonus.

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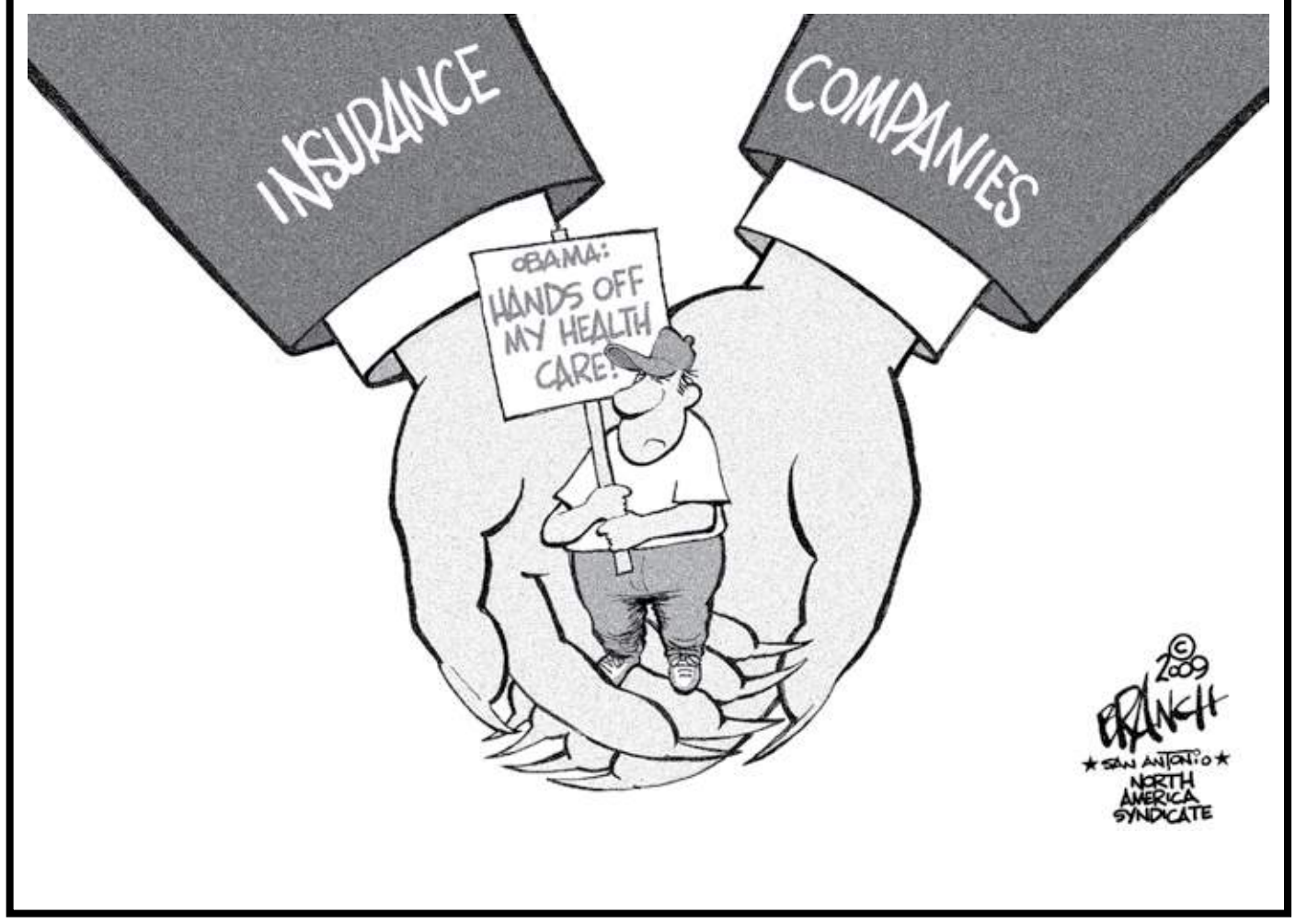

The unspoken crime the schools are committing to our children

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The new school term has begun. To some students it will be a nightmare. They know that they will be returning to a dreary day of sitting in a classroom struggling for five hours to read, to write and do math. For them the printed word, the written word and math remain a mystery.

As they glance around the room, they silently envy the other students that have little difficulty in those activities. These are the students that many teachers and school districts have written off as "school failures." These are the students who cannot read and write on their grade level. Whose fault is it that they are in such a dilemma—the student—the teacher—the school district—the parents? Is anyone concerned?

As these students approach the legal age of 16 for school dropouts, they learn to tolerate abuse both silent and verbal heaped upon them from the teachers and fellow students. They realize that college is only a dream for them. Only poor paying jobs or welfare awaits them. Is it any wonder they feel frustrated and want to run away?

Other students who also have low reading and writing abilities somehow manage to get into a college. There they spend the first year or perhaps two years taking basic math, reading and writing courses before they are capable of tackling the regular curriculum. Does it have to be this way?

What if educators decided to wrestle with poor readers and poor writers when they first notice them in early childhood? Would it cost so much more money to train these students to read, write and do simple math by the time they graduate from high school? Wouldn't it be worthwhile spending extra time or a different approach to assist these slow learners? Is it better to worry about the majority of the students and forget that we are creating potential social dropouts and candidates for violence and welfare? Can't the school system cater to both types of students? **The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled!**

All students study the same subjects in the same grade and are treated in the same manner. One size is supposed to fit all. But what if we sorted out the slow learners and gave them extra attention? What if we were to keep the same five hours but change the courses to fit the individual student's ability? When a student shows difficulty in math, reading or writing, we should change the approach. Likewise when a student shows advance techniques in math, reading and writing he may be moved ahead or given additional attention to motivate him further.

Instead of forcing the student to take the usual English course, he should be placed in a remedial class regardless of grade level. The same should be done when the student shows a lack of math and writing ability for his grade level. Instead of feeding him a block of knowledge that the curriculum spells out, deviate from it and concentrate on his deficiency. Would we feed his body the same food and medicine when he is sick? No, we would adopt the food and medicine to fit the illness. **The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled!**

When a student is not grasping the basics of math reading and writing, why do educators insist that the one size must fit him or he is cast aside? Don't they realize what they are doing to the student? They are silently dooming him to being a loser in life.

We should judge educators and schools on the success rate of how many students can really read and write, not on how many students they pass along. With all the new technology and with new teaching techniques, educators must eliminate or at least minimize the number of poor math, poor readers and poor writers. This achievement should be the true measure of success for any school system. **The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled!**

To minimize the problem, extra money is not needed, extra teachers are not needed, extra space is not needed. What is needed is determination by the school staff to eliminate or at least greatly minimize poor math, reading and writing habits of slow learners. It is a matter of arranging classes and schedules. Make the system flexible instead of a rigid one based on one method must fit all.

I strongly feel that the elementary and middle grades are to be used to teach how to study and how to read and write. Then when a student reaches high school facts and concepts can be taught. Instead, too many schools insist on trying to make students absorb meaningless facts without the ability to read and write about them.

The schools must strive harder to involve the parents of the children. Too often parents are the main cause why children do not learn to read or write. Too often the parents demoralize their children, yelling at them that they are failures. Too often they insist that their children get promoted regardless of their ability to do the work.

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Doing possibility skills

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We have become masters of narrating why doing a certain task is not possible. Even on the other side of the startling emergence of a "Yes, we can, yes, we will" political milieu, one just needs to hear the clamor for universal health care for everyone, and the expertise heard loudest is on the arena of the impossibility of the vision, and the foolishness of taking seriously our intuited mission.

It is the Labor Day weekend. What constitute our labor, or what exactly is our chosen engagement and personal expenditure? What is it that we do?

Career counselors tell us that there is a difference between a job and a profession, not to mention a career and a vocation.

Let's just say that a job fulfills our requirement for basic human needs. Efforts are remunerated for what we do in order to sustain our being. We get a job because we feel we have to. We need the money to purchase food, clothing and shelter. Sometimes, the job that we get becomes our career and our profession. Sometimes we live split personalities—simultaneously, we are the moneymaker as well as the other who doesn't care less.

Our profession is what we gladly do with colleagues (e.g., members of the college of medicine); a profession requires a certain level of mastery in a particular discipline or endeavor. Our chosen profession addresses what we want, which may be a personal choice, or foisted upon us by parents or family tradition. Children of politicians tend to become politicians, as progenies of teachers and doctors, engineers and accountants, turn up pursuing the same career. Profession, which we sometimes interchange with career, beyond just being a means of employment, is what we do with our consent.

But our vocation reflects a choice of engagement and expenditure that is significant and meaningful to our sense of personal satisfaction and/or social responsibility. It often entails a depth of commitment that demands not just continual awareness but disciplined consciousness.

Our utilitarian mindset has come to limit our educational goals; paramount in our intent is to train our young to get, qualify, or create jobs. Getting a job, preferably a high-paying one has become the virtue of academic pursuit. It also ranks high in the checklist of the marriage game. Some of us enter professions because of the salary offering and not because we gain personal satisfaction in doing the deed.

Sometimes it happens that the vocation we choose is also the job that earns our sustenance, the task of making a living is our art of living a life. At such times, our knowing guides our doing, and our doing informs our knowing. Both give quality to our being.

It used to be that we inquire on one's being: "How are you?" Some greet with: "What do you know?" My mother always wants to know if I had eaten, joining the horde of Jewish Mama's. The Koreans most respectfully ask their elders if they had a good sleep. But the majority of our salutations have now come to: "What do you do?"

It had been suggested that there are two types of people: the givers and the takers.

Those are useful categories when playing parlor games. I had once suggested that in my book, there are those who care, and those who care to be cared for. That's being metaphorically cute. But whatever we do, visioning methodology is the last stage of our human evolution in doing.

We all have a picture of what is viable. The picture of where we want to go often parallels the extent of our appropriation of where we came from, or vice versa. The Jews in claiming a 4,000-year memory are not easily fazed when their vision of 100 years do not materialize. They carry with them the capacity to pursue a 4,000-year vision. If we do not know where we came from, it is difficult to plot where we are going. If we do not know where we are going, we have no appreciation of where we came from.

In any case, there are those who bully themselves and others directly towards their vision. This does not work. The wisdom of our times is to pay attention to the contradictions, the constraints and the blocks that inhibits the attainment of a vision. Proposals aimed at eliminating, transcending, or transforming these contradictions seem to be the best way to effectively move forward.

For planning methodologies, breaking proposals into chunks make it easier to manage them. An intermediary step of lining up strategies has been found to enhance the attainment of aims and objectives. Strategies are masterstrokes that render visions unmistakably clear. JFK's pronouncement that at the end of the decade, the space program would put a man in the moon, made what is being proposed clear. Well-designed programs and projects viewed as processes may be labeled as strategies and tactics.

Whatever do/doing/deed one decides, there is an internal discipline common to all planners. These are common parameters of the human mind in every culture and clime.

Consciousness of time would be one plane. Whether the perspective is linear, cyclical, spherical, or helixical, time has to be managed.

Location, location, location makes all the difference to real estate operators. An adequate geographical mapping not only of the scope of a vision but the location of resources and personnel is critical. Space, whether it is the office or the dynamic field of operation, or the comprehensive context of glocality has to be organized.

Roles have to be defined. In an increasingly less hierarchical character of social relationships, the power of synergy amongst cooperating and collaborating entities has come to be a determining factor in the orchestration of roles and functions. If it is understood that forms follow function, that integrity precedes status, then a horizontal organizational set-up could handle both centrifugal and centripetal responsibilities.

Time. Space. Roles. Creating symbols to tell the story of why one manages time, organize space and define roles, connects the whole thing back to one's vision and mission.

A law enforcement officer in Hawaii declared last week that the terrorist is nothing more than a moralist in deep despair. For the terrorist is intensely passionate about his cause, and like the cynic and the skeptic, he fails to see how to effectively implement his care. The moralist in us, especially the one who insists what others ought to do, tend to be the worst enemy of effective doing.

The challenge in our time is to focus in the doing of the possible. Surprisingly, and mysteriously, the seemingly impossible will take care of itself.

Letters to the Editor

Fighting like cats and dogs

I believe the only way we can see change in the CNMI is when our leaders start caring for their own island and start treating their own people with respect and dignity.

Just look at the way our leaders neglected the wild dogs on our islands. That really says a lot about the attitude of our leaders. They couldn't care less about animals, and that's how tourists see our own leaders' perspective about non-human life in the CNMI.

In America dogs are special, they are treated with tender loving care. When our leaders don't treat us humanely they will hear a lot of barking coming to them, even the cats and rats in the government won't cooperate. It's an attitude like, this is my cheese and that is your chicken of the sea and when they do that to each other they don't have results for the dogs. Dogs are people too you know and it's a shame that we fight like cats and dogs and neglected our brother rats. I meant how low can we go as humans?

So we go to church Saturday and Sunday then Monday thru Friday we fight like cats and dogs while the rat is saying—can we cooperate and get along please and help our islanders?

Don't get me wrong we are smarter than animals but we cannot get along because of the animosity within our beings. If we cannot control our animal being then we will never succeed as humans to create a better environment for our people and our tourist and that's' a fact.

Jack Romolor
Via e-mail

Bravo Tina!

The Supreme Court decision to uphold Rep. Tina Sablan's FOIA request, and the subsequent surrender of documents by the administration calls not only for celebration, but also for praise and commendation.

A member of the House has exercised her authority—not to favor herself or her friends or her family or potential voters, but for the benefit of the entire population.

It was a brave thing to do—a long, lonely and arduous battle—but Tina persevered, and won.

She is a shining model for all of us of what dedicated legislators can achieve, of what good government can accomplish, of what transparency in government could look like.

And bravo to Tina, too, for so quickly identifying the administration's shameful omissions!

Ruth Tighe
Tanapag

What Ed said

I remember when Ed Propst came home from college in Hawaii. I was ready to retire (the first time) and Ed was a very intelligent young man who was eager to serve his beloved island by teaching the youth at MHS.

I though to myself, "Wow, this young man is going to be a great educator for years to come." I felt like I left my classroom in good hands. I said to myself, "He is going to be a better teacher than I have been." The rest is history! Ed Propst has been reflecting his heartfelt care and concern not only for his students but for his home!

I read his last letter to the editor with great admiration and pride. He ended it with a very wise assumption, "The more we talk the sooner we will come to agreement!" His words are powerful words of wisdom. When he speaks, people should listen.

Franklin Kieper
Mayer, Arizona

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They have the greatest influences on the child. To do so doesn't involve any extra money—only determination and willingness to assist. **The mind is not a vessel to fill but a fire to be kindled!**

A survey has shown that from 1st grade through 12th grade a child spends only about 7 percent of his total time in a classroom. Ninety-three percent of his time is spent outside the classroom during all these formative years! This is all the more reason the student must be taught properly in the classroom in such a brief time.

When will educators realize the crime they are committing by allowing students to go through their system without the ability to read and write? Think of all the minds they are wasting! What type of citizens will they become? Think of all the future social problems they are creating by not correcting these problems now! **The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled!**

In my companies before I interview anyone for a job, I give them a short math, reading and writing test. It is taken from a fourth grade SAT Test. If he or she doesn't score at least 65 percent, we do not continue the interview. It is astounding how many young adults fail this fourth grade simple test on math, writing and reading. How can this candidate do good work if he cannot do simple math, read or write beyond his name? What is his future?

If educators are truly interested in improving the education of children, educators must innovate new ideas to remedy this chronic problem. They must motivate slow learners to improve their writing and reading abilities. When industry consisted mainly of factories and foundries, most of the employees didn't have to have a high degree of academic background because the work was mostly manual. But with the advent of technology, the workplace demands higher academic skills. Are we preparing our children for this change in the workplace? **The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled!**

To me the phrase: "No child left behind'—means he or she must be able to do math, to read and write on his grade level. By the time the student leaves high school he must be fairly proficient in those three skills. Teach skills of math, reading and writing and the facts will come later with meaning. Once the student feels comfortable with numbers, the printed word and can also write it, he will become a motivated learner. By doing this we will have a more literate society and a stronger workforce.

Stop the large number of school dropouts! Stop wasting young minds! Stop condemning students to failure in life! A student saved is a potential contributor to our society. Where there is a will there is a method! "**The mind is not a vessel to fill but a fire to be kindled**." Quote from Plutarch. Have a great day!

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲82	▼64
Manila	Rain	▲84	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲61	▼49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼78
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Rome	Sunny	▲79	▼54
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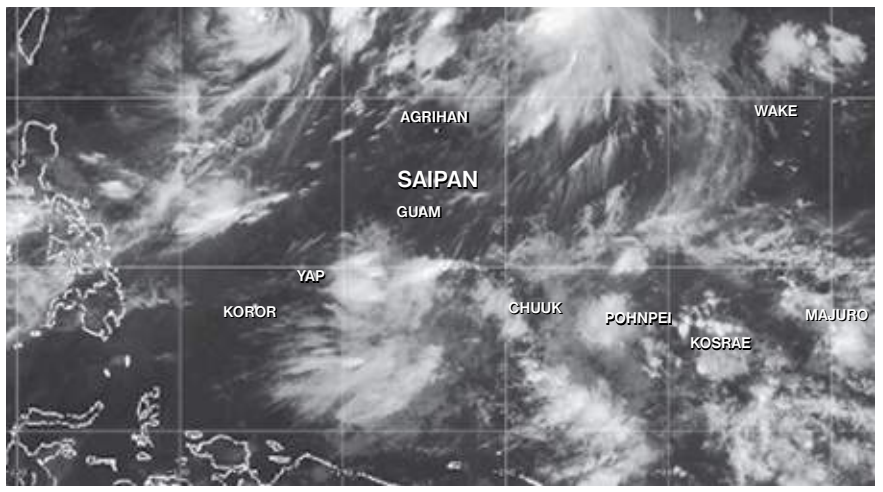

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Dujuan (13W) is centered southeast of Okinawa at 23N135E. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms are located near the center between 20N and 24N from 131E to 136E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms extend farther out within 200 miles of the center. For more detailed information, see bulletins issued by the JTWC under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the national weather service under the header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough stretches east-northeastward from 21N130E through Tropical Storm Dujuan to a circulation centered southwest of Minami Tori Shima at 27N149E then southeastward to end at 24N153E. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms are found near the circulation centered southwest of Minami Tori Shima between 19N and 25N from 147E to 157E. Convergent west winds south of the trough axis are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms well south of Guam between 4N and 10N from 142E to 148E. A near-equatorial trough curves eastward from 1N147E through a weak circulation centered southwest of Chuuk at 6N150E to end at EQ165E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough are located just west of Pohnpei within 170 miles of a line from 10N156E to EQ160E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Kosrae within 150 miles of a line from 7N166E to EQ169E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are also found over Kwajalein and Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 13N162E to 4N177E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
3:13 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
9:06 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:19 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
9:10 PM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:25 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:24 PM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	6:23 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:23 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:53 PM	7:52 AM
Tuesday	8:33 PM	8:43 AM
Wednesday	9:18 PM	9:38 AM
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SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:50am	12:25pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:20am	5:10am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
C09603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

C0941	5:30am	8:05am	Daily
NW99	6:05am	8:40am	Daily
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	Daily via NGO
NW75	3:50pm	6:25pm	Daily
C0943	5:25pm	8:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

NW78	9:00am	11:40am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:30pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:15am	3:50am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:10am	2:40am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:10am	3:50am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:20am	11:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

C0942	9:25am	1:55pm	Daily
NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
NW77	6:35pm	1:40am+1	Daily via NGO
NW100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily
C0944	9:00pm	1:30am+1	Daily

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

NW77	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ716/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

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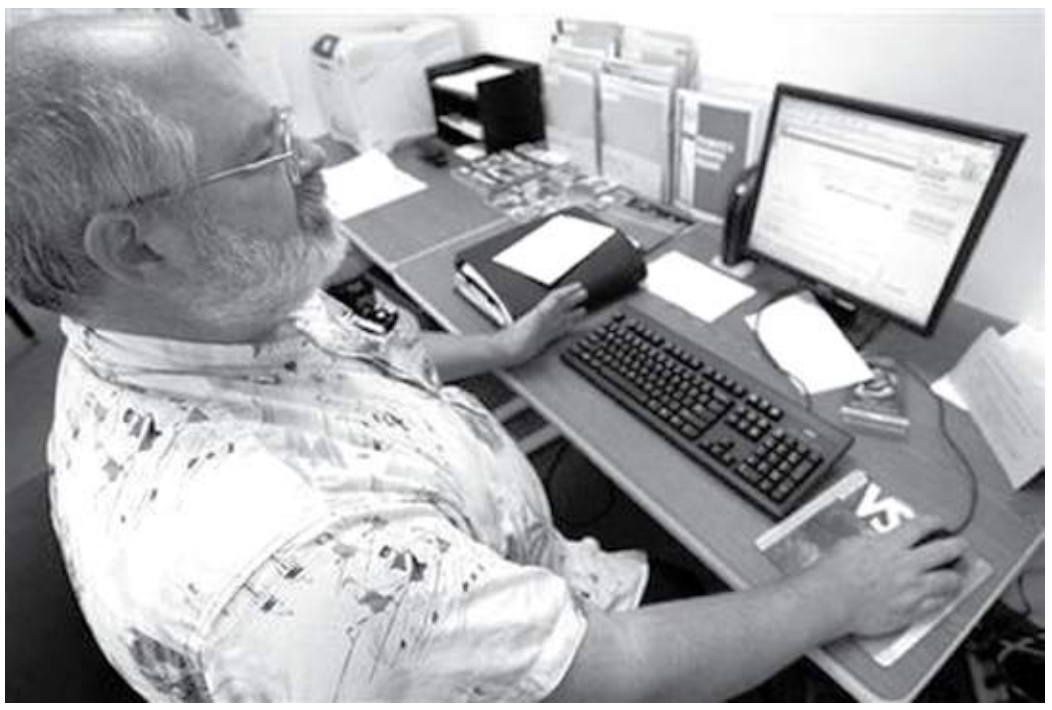
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Business

For the jobless, Labor Day is hardly a holiday



AP

In this Sept. 4, 2009 photo, David O'Bryan uses the computer to search for jobs in Barre, Vt. The nearly 15 million unemployed Americans won't enjoy Labor Day as a relaxing respite from work. Instead, they'll once again need to prepare to get up, hit the pavement and keep hunting for a job.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Every day it's a battle.

The nearly 15 million unemployed Americans won't enjoy Labor Day as a relaxing respite from work. Instead, they'll once again need to prepare to get up, hit the pavement and keep hunting for a job.

As the jobless rate nears 10 percent, even those fortunate enough to be employed fret about keeping their jobs. But for those without them, it's a daily struggle with emotional and economic distress.

"It's hard to maintain your focus that you're a valuable member of society when you go three months and nobody really wants to employ you," says David O'Bryan, 59, of Barre, Vt.

To cope with the stress, O'Bryan jots down his thoughts in a journal he carries around. He's seeking a new career in the education field. In one recent entry, he wrote:

"I'm finding the process of trying to get into schools both tedious and frustrating. I wish I could have some concrete feedback on why I'm not being hired. Overweight? No para-educator certificate in effect? No confidence in my ability to perform the job?"

The economy is showing signs of being on the mend. Yet that's hardly reassuring to the unemployed this Labor Day weekend. The job market is in lousy shape and will stay that way for a while.

The nation's jobless rate jumped to a 26-year high of 9.7 percent in August from 9.4 percent in July. It's expected to top 10 percent this year and keep climbing into part of next year before falling back. The post-World War II high was 10.8 percent at the end of 1982.

And it could take four years or more for the unemployment rate to fall back down to a normal level of about 5 percent.

Gregory Przybylski, 46, of suburban Milwaukee has grown increasingly anxious since losing his job as a machine operator in March 2008.

"It's getting scary," said Przybylski, a bachelor who has spent the past several months studying for a high school equivalency degree. "I'm just hoping to be working by Christmas."

Przybylski said he's using his time to study and improve himself so he'll be ready once the economy turns around. But he fears being thrust into a new career after spending so many years as a machinist.

"I've been doing this since 1980—that's what I know," he said, slowly shaking his head.

"It's stressful whether you have a job or not," says Patricia Drentea, associate professor of sociology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "If you are out of a job, it can be demoralizing to know that the tide has not yet turned. For those still in jobs, there is the constant worry that there is going to be more layoffs."

Report shows investigators botched Madoff probes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Disgraced financier Bernard Madoff tried by turns to bully and impress the federal examiners who looked into his business, but the investigators managed by themselves to botch the probes and enable Madoff's multibillion-dollar fraud to continue for nearly two decades, a new report shows.

Madoff

A trove of revelations came to light in the report by the Securities and Exchange Commission inspector general, David Kotz, which was released Friday evening. The 477-page document paints in excruciating detail how the SEC investigations of Madoff were bungled over 16 years—with disputes among agency inspection staffers over the findings, lack of communication among SEC offices in various cities and repeated failures to act on credible complaints from outsiders that formed a sea of red flags.

An inspection of Madoff's operation in 2003-04 "was put on the back burner" even though the exam team still had unresolved questions, the report says.

An SEC official who later would marry Madoff's niece told investigators this year that if he had carefully reviewed a complaint about Madoff's business, he would have investigated more extensively, according to the report. Eric Swanson was an SEC attorney and inspections official during the 2003-04 exam.

Swanson told a colleague in April 2004 that the inspection of Madoff's business was ongoing, after the exam team had stopped working on it, according to the report. It said Swanson recently explained that an inspection would be considered ongoing even if it were put on hold.

G-20 to maintain economic stimulus measures

LONDON (AP)—Top finance officials from rich and developing countries agreed Saturday to curb hefty bankers' bonuses, but the proposed crackdown on excessive payouts so far falls short of European demands after the U.S. and Britain shied away from imposing a cap.

The Group of 20 finance ministers also pledged to maintain stimulus measures such as extra government spending and low interest rates to boost the global economy, warning that the fledgling recovery that provided the backdrop to their meeting here is by no means assured.

AP

G20 Finance Ministers attend a meeting at the Treasury in London, Saturday Sept. 5, 2009.

"The financial system is showing signs of repair," said U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. "Growth is now under way. However, we still face significant challenges ahead."

The G-20 joint statement issued at the end of their London meeting said that fiscal and monetary policy will stay "expansionary" for as long as needed to reduce the chances of a double-dip recession.

The International Monetary Fund has said that the global economy is beginning a sluggish recovery from its worst recession since World War II, raising its estimate for global economic growth in 2010 to 2.5 percent, from an April projection of 1.9 percent.

But the IMF also downgraded its forecast for this year, saying it would shrink by 1.4 percent, instead of 1.3 percent.

Demand for electricity sputters and bills may fall

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Consumers and businesses may finally be seeing some relief from rising utility bills, thanks to the biggest decline in U.S. electricity demand in decades.

Prices on wholesale markets are expected to decline for the rest of 2009, according to the Energy Information Agency. While rates will probably begin edging up again in 2010, it will likely be less than half the 6.2 percent jump recorded last year.

For decades as Americans bought more electronics, more appliances, air conditioners and other gizmos, energy demand has only moved in one direction and prices have followed suit.

The decline in power usage over the past year is a rarity and also an indication of how badly the recession has jolted the economy and changed the way Americans spend.

The shift began last year, when power consumption fell 1.6 percent. Government forecasters see consumption falling another 2.7 percent this year. That would mark the first time since 1949 that the nation has seen energy demand fall in consecutive years.

Given the broad apprehension over the economy, any money consumers can keep in their pockets may help.

"You might see a decrease in your bill or, at the very least, less of an increase. And these days that's not bad," said Charlie Acquard, executive director of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.

You can trace the shift from major industrial power users all the way back to individual consumers to see what has happened.

The number of unemployed Americans is nearing 15 million and prospects for the job market remain gloomy. Retailers just reported their 12th straight month of declining sales and many people are buying only what they must.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

UK official says oil was part of Lockerbie talks

LONDON (AP)—Trade and oil considerations played a major role in the decision to include the Lockerbie bomber in a prisoner transfer agreement between Britain and Libya, a senior British official said in an interview published Saturday. Justice Secretary Jack Straw said trade, particularly a deal for oil company BP PLC, was "a very big part" of the 2007 negotiations that led to the prisoner deal. The agreement was part of a wider warming of relations between London and Tripoli. "Libya was a rogue state," Straw was quoted as saying by The Daily Telegraph newspaper. "We wanted to bring it back into the fold and trade is an essential part of it—and subsequently there was the BP deal."

AIG selling asset management unit for $500 million

NEW YORK (AP)—American International Group Inc. said Saturday it reached a deal to sell a portion of its asset management business to a Hong Kong-based investment firm for $500 million. The sale to Bridge Partners LP, which is owned by Pacific Century Group, includes about $300 million in cash at closing, additional future consideration that includes a performance note and a continuing share of carried interest. The sale is just the latest for the troubled insurance giant. AIG is trying to sell assets to repay billions of dollars in federal loans. The loan package, which helped the company avoid failing, was worth up to $182.5 billion.

Cobalt International files for IPO

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil exploration company Cobalt International Energy Inc. said it plans to raise up to $1.15 billion with an initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange. The filing was made Friday with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Cobalt plans to apply to list its common stock under a "CIE" ticker. Money raised from the IPO will be used for drilling and exploration through 2011, as well as for general corporate purposes, the company said in its filing. The 4-year-old company said it doesn't expect to generate any revenue from production before 2012. Cobalt, based in Houston, explores reservoirs in the deep-water basins in the Gulf of Mexico and West Africa. Investors in the company include Goldman Sachs, The Carlyle Group and First Reserve Corp. CEO Joseph Bryant is a former president and CEO of Unocal Corp. He also worked at BP and Amoco.

Nation

Teen says brother innocent in Ga. mobile home case

TOWNSEND, Ga. (AP)—The brother of a Georgia man charged with slaying his father and seven others in a mobile home insisted Saturday that the suspect would never harm his family, and he also speculated that a dispute over drugs could have prompted the killings.

Family members spoke to reporters outside a graveside funeral for seven of the victims slain a week earlier inside the home they shared near the Georgia coast.

Their grief was mixed with shock after police charged 22-year-old Guy Heinze Jr. on Friday with eight counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his father, uncle, aunt and four cousins. The eighth victim was a boyfriend of one of the cousins, and his funeral arrangements are pending.

"I know my brother didn't do this. My brother has a conscience," 16-year-old Tyler Heinze said outside the rural cemetery where seven caskets topped with roses were resting atop freshly dug graves.

"I can say there was drug involvement in the house, and I think somebody ripped somebody off and somebody needed to get their money back," said Tyler Heinze, who once lived at the mobile home but had moved in with his stepfather before the killings.

"Maybe somebody in the house double-crossed someone. It could've been my brother who double-crossed somebody, and it could be part of his fault that somebody came in there and did this."

Police have refused to say how the victims died or what evidence they have against Guy Heinze, who reported the gruesome scene to authorities Aug. 29 in a chilling 911 call. He frantically told a dispatcher "My whole family's dead!" and said they appeared to have been beaten to death when he found them.

Heinze had been jailed soon after the slayings on charges of illegal possession of prescription drugs and marijuana, as well as lying to police and evidence tampering.

Tyler Heinze declined to speak in detail about drug use at the mobile home.

"I'm not going to sit here and ruin my family's name," he said. "I don't want people to think my family was trash. They were hardworking people."

AP

Tyler Heinze, 16, the brother of Guy Heinze, Jr., who is charged with killing eight people in a Brunswick, Ga. mobile home park, walks away from the media after the funeral of his father, Guy Heinze Sr. and six other victims Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009 in Townsend, Ga.

Obama adviser Van Jones resigns amid controversy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's adviser Van Jones has resigned amid controversy over past inflammatory statements, the White House said early Sunday.

Van Jones

Van Jones, an administration official specializing in environmentally friendly "green jobs," has been linked to efforts suggesting a government role in the Sept. 11 terror attacks and to derogatory comments about Republicans.

Jones issued an apology on Thursday. When asked the next day whether Obama still had confidence in him, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said only that Jones "continues to work in the administration."

The matter surfaced after news reports of a derogatory comment Jones made in the past about Republicans, and separately, of Jones's name appearing on a petition connected to the events surrounding 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.

That 2004 petition had asked for congressional hearings and other investigations into whether high-level government officers had allowed the attacks to occur.

Jones flatly said in his statement that he did not agree with the petition's stand and that "it certainly does not reflect my views, now or ever."

As for his other comments he made before joining Obama's team, Jones said: "If I have offended anyone with statements I made in the past, I apologize."

Fire no longer threatening LA-area communities

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The western flank of the deadly wildfire north of Los Angeles was under control Saturday, sparing foothill communities further threat as it burned east into a large wilderness area.

Investigators, meanwhile, were trying to determine who ignited the blaze that killed two firefighters, destroyed at least 76 homes and burned nearly 242 square miles of the Angeles National Forest.

The fire's origin near Angeles Crest Highway remained cordoned off as authorities sought more clues in the case, but they were hesitant to release any findings to the media.

"Arsonists are not stupid. They can read," said U.S. Forest Service Cmdr. Rita Wears, who supervises federal agents investigating the fire. "I have to be very careful."

Los Angeles County firefighters Tedmund Hall and Arnaldo Quinones were killed Aug. 30 while seeking an escape route for their inmate fire crew after flames overran their camp on Mount Gleason.

Sheriff's detectives opened a homicide investigation after the fire was ruled arson earlier this week, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has offered $100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprit.

The fire, one of the largest in Southern California history, was 49 percent contained Saturday night after crews built protective lines on the northwestern flank near Santa Clarita, said incident commander Mike Dietrich.

"We're making tremendous progress," Dietrich said, "but we have not turned the corner on this fire. I keep seeing that it's out there, but we have not turned the corner yet."

Dietrich said about 400 firefighters assigned to protect structures had been dismissed because of the reduced threat. About 4,800 firefighters remained.

Despite the gains, two new flare-ups presented challenges.

Astronauts take mission's 3rd and final spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Two spacewalking astronauts took on cable and antenna work at the international space station Saturday in their final trek outside, but encountered last-minute difficulty with a connector and had to leave one job undone.

Lead spacewalker Danny Olivas and his partner Christer Fuglesang unreeled 60 feet of cable for a new room that will be added to the orbiting complex early next year. The pair also hooked up a couple of Global Positioning System antennas and replaced some electronic equipment in their second excursion in three days.

Everything went well until near the end of the seven-hour spacewalk, when Fuglesang had trouble hooking up one of the cable connectors to a panel on the space station. What's more, his helmet camera came loose and it was difficult for flight controllers to watch him work, given the wobbly, upside-down pictures.

"We thought you were doing tremendous acrobatics," Mission Control radioed.

Mission Control told Fuglesang to wrap insulation around the loose power connector and leave it like that. But then the camera and light assembly on his helmet came off entirely. Olivas removed the still-tethered assembly for him.

With darkness looming, Fuglesang was ordered back to the space station's air lock, while Olivas took over the insulating job late Saturday night.

"Christer, no need to rush but hurry every chance you get. Sunset in about six minutes," astronaut Patrick Forrester urged from inside.

Mission Control advised Fuglesang to use his helmet light as a flashlight if necessary; he was carrying the unit. He made it back safely and speculated he may have bumped his helmet while struggling with the connector.

The cables were routed in advance of the Tranquility live-in chamber that's supposed to be launched in February aboard shuttle Endeavour. Mission Control said another effort to plug in the primary power connector would be made on a future mission.

ACROSS THE NATION

Ga. pastor, father-to-be killed in drug sting

ATLANTA (AP)—Plainclothes officers shot and killed a small-town pastor when the 28-year-old father-to-be resisted efforts to question him about a passenger in his car who was the target of a drug sting, authorities said. Jonathan Paul Ayers of Shoal Creek Baptist Church in Lavonia wasn't targeted in the probe that ended in gunfire at a gas station Tuesday, Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead said. But drug task-force agents opened fire on him after he tried to avoid them, putting his car in reverse and striking one of the officers.

Great white sharks tagged for first time off Mass.

BOSTON (AP)—Massachusetts officials are using high-tech tags to track the movements of two great white sharks near Cape Cod—the first time the fearsome fish have ever been tagged in the Atlantic Ocean. The electronic tag uses satellite technology to record the travels of the sharks, allowing scientists to better understand their migratory patterns. The sharks were spotted Saturday by scientists investigating sightings off Monomoy Island in Chatham. Officials say a harpooner tagged them with help from a state shark expert.

Missing boy found alive, hidden at grandma's home

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A boy allegedly abducted in a custody dispute nearly two years ago has turned up alive, hiding with his mother in a small, specially built secret room at his grandmother's Illinois home, investigators said. Richard "Ricky" Chekevdia, who turns 7 on Sept. 14, was in good spirits and physically fit after being found Friday by investigators with a court order to search the two-story rural home in southern Illinois' Franklin County, about 120 miles southeast of St. Louis. The boy's mother, 30-year-old Shannon Wilfong, is charged with felony child abduction. The grandmother, 51-year-old Diane Dobbs, is charged with aiding and abetting. Wilfong remained jailed Saturday on $42,500 bond in Benton, Ill., where Dobbs was being held on $1,000 bond. The women did not have attorneys listed Saturday in online court records.

Garrido's mental state likely to be issue at trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In the days before his arrest, cracks showed in the elaborate facade authorities say Phillip Garrido built to conceal the girl he kidnapped, raped and imprisoned—and those cracks were of Garrido's own making. The registered sex offender and parolee hand-delivered to the FBI's San Francisco office on Aug. 24 a screed declaring that the voices he heard came from God. The next day, he took the two daughters he had with his alleged kidnap victim to the University of California, Berkeley, where he blurted out to already suspicious campus police officers that he was a convicted rapist.

Asia

3 killed, 880 people rescued from RP ferry

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—At least three people drowned and more than 800 terrified passengers, many roused from their sleep, were rescued early Sunday from a ferry that listed and then sank in the southern Philippines, officials said. More than 80 people were missing.

Coast guard chief Admiral Wilfredo Tamayo said 880 of 964 passengers and crewmen on board the *Superferry 9* were transferred to two nearby commercial ships and a navy gunboat hours after the ferry began to list off Zamboanga del Norte province before dawn.

A search was under way for more than 80 people who remained missing, Tamayo said, adding that they may have drifted with their life jackets or have been rescued but were not yet listed as survivors.

"We really hope they're just unaccounted for due to the confusion," Tamayo told The Associated Press.

Navy ships were deployed and air force helicopters scoured the seas, Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro said.

He said three passengers, including a child and a man, drowned during the scramble to escape the ship. Three other passengers were injured, the coast guard said.

The cause of the listing was not clear. The ferry skipper initially ordered everyone on board to abandon the ship as a precautionary step, said Jess Supan, vice president of Aboitiz Transport System, which owns the steel-hulled ferry.

There were reports that the ferry listed to the right due to a hole in the hull, the National Disaster Coordinating Council said. As the ferry tilted, some passengers may have panicked and jumped into the water, the coast guard said.

Passenger Roger Cinciron told DZMM radio by cell phone that he felt the ferry was tilting around midnight but he was assured by a crewman that everything was well. About two hours later, he was roused from sleep by the sound of crashing cargo below his cabin, he said.

"People began to panic because the ship was really tilting," he said as he waited for rescuers to save him and a group of more than 20 other passengers.

The ferry left the southern port city of General Santos on Saturday and was scheduled to arrive in Iloilo city in the central Philippines later Sunday but ran into problems midway and began to list about nine miles (15 kilometers) from the nearest shore, Tamayo said.

The weather was generally fair in the Zamboanga peninsula region, about 530 miles (860 kilometers) south of Manila, although a tropical storm was battering the country's mountainous north, the coast guard said.

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In this undated photo released by the Philippine Coast Guard, the Superferry 9 sails in Philippine waters. At least two people drowned and more than 800 terrified passengers were rescued early Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009 from the ferry that listed dangerously in the southern Philippines, officials said.

US, SKorea envoys discuss NKorean nuclear claim

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Top nuclear envoys from South Korea and the United States held talks Saturday on a strategy to bring North Korea back to disarmament talks, a day after the North claimed it is in the final stages of enriching uranium.

U.S. special envoy on North Korea, Stephen Bosworth, and South Korean envoy Wi Sung-lac made no comments after their meeting. Bosworth later met with South Korea's minister in charge of relations with North Korea, and the Unification Ministry said the two agreed to closely cooperate in resolving the nuclear dispute.

Bosworth said in Beijing on Friday that any nuclear development in North Korea was a matter of concern.

"We confirm the necessity to maintain a coordinated position and the need for a complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula," he said.

Bosworth is to leave for Tokyo on Sunday for similar consultations with Japanese officials. Chief U.S. nuclear negotiator, Sung Kim, plans to return to Seoul on Tuesday to meet with Russian nuclear envoy Grigory Logvinov.

North Korea also announced it is continuing to weaponize plutonium. Uranium offers an easier way to make nuclear weapons, and uranium-based bombs may work without requiring test explosions.

Washington shows no signs of easing pressure on North Korea through new U.N. sanctions, despite a series of conciliatory gestures by the North, including the release of two detained American journalists and a reported invitation to top U.S. envoys, including Bosworth, to visit Pyongyang.

"We are prepared for both dialogue and sanctions," the North said in a letter to the U.N. Security Council carried Friday by its official Korean Central News Agency. If some members of the council put "sanctions first before dialogue, we would respond with bolstering our nuclear deterrence first before we meet them in a dialogue," it said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

US general: Afghan civilians wounded at bomb site

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan (AP)—The top NATO commander confirmed Saturday that civilians were wounded by a devastating airstrike targeting insurgents in northern Afghanistan, a major test of his policy to curb airpower to reduce civilian casualties and win over Afghans to the war against the Taliban. Gen. Stanley McChrystal waded through a knee-deep river to inspect the charred remains of two fuel tankers destroyed in the Friday attack, which Afghan officials say killed about 70 people. It was unclear how many were Taliban and how many were villagers who rushed to the scene to siphon fuel from the stolen trucks.

Pakistan: 43 suspected militants killed in Khyber

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani troops killed 43 alleged militants in an operation in the Khyber tribal region while airstrikes left several more dead Saturday in the stronghold of the new Taliban chief elsewhere in the northwest, officials said. Militants frequently attack trucks along the famed Khyber Pass, a main route for supplies destined for U.S. troops in Afghanistan. That's one reason Pakistan is under intense U.S. pressure to crack down on insurgents along the Afghan border, especially the lawless tribal belt where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is suspected to be hiding. The U.S. believes militants use Pakistan's tribal areas and other troubled parts of the northwest as safe havens from which to plan attacks on Western troops across the frontier.

6 SKoreans missing after river from NKorea surges

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Six South Koreans camping and fishing along a river flowing from North Korea were missing Sunday after it suddenly rose, possibly because a new dam in the North released a large amount of water without warning, officials said. About 200 rescuers were trying to locate the missing people along the Imjin River, fire official Park Ju-il said. He said their identities were not immediately available. Gyeonggi provincial official Choi Kwon-rak said a North Korean dam just north of the border may have released large amounts of water without notice.

Vietnam police release detained blogger

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Vietnamese authorities have released a blogger more than a week after detaining him for questioning about postings critical of the Communist government's handling of relations with China and the Catholic Church. "I don't know why they let me go," Bui Thanh Hieu said by telephone Sunday. "They may have realized that my acts were not serious." Police took Hieu into custody for questioning on Aug. 27. Hieu, who writes his blog under the pen name Nguoi Buon Gio, or Wind Trader, returned to his Hanoi home on Saturday afternoon.

Top official in volatile Chinese city sacked

URUMQI, China (AP)—The head of a western city wracked by communal violence and a bizarre string of needle attacks has been sacked by Chinese authorities hoping to calm uneasy mobs and end protests that left the city on edge for three days.

Security was tight Sunday in Urumqi, but the city was calm with no sign of protests.

The removal of Urumqi's Communist Party Secretary Li Zhi on Saturday came amid reports of police again using tear gas to disperse crowds outside Urumqi's government offices, and more unconfirmed reports of hypodermic attacks, including one on an 11-year-old boy in a downtown square.

The city's chief prosecutor announced further details about four people arrested over the attacks, but offered little to back up the government's claims that they were an organized campaign to spread terror.

Protesters marched by the thousands Thursday and Friday demanding the resignation of Li and his boss, Xinjiang Party Secretary Wang Lequan, for failing to provide adequate public safety in the city. Also sacked was the police chief of Xinjiang, China's westernmost region that abuts Central Asia and whose capital is Urumqi.

An Urumqi government spokeswoman and the official Xinhua News Agency gave no reasons in announcing the changes. But riots in July were the worst communal violence in more than a decade in Xinjiang—where ethnic Uighur separatists have waged a sporadically violent campaign for a homeland. The renewed protests in the past week underscored the difficulties authorities were having in reasserting control.

The firing may also help quash calls to dismiss Wang—a member of China's ruling Politburo and an ally of President Hu Jintao.

"I would say that this is the sacrificial lamb," said Russell Leigh Moses, an analyst of Chinese politics based in Beijing. "But it will be interesting to see what the reaction in the streets is and whether this satisfies people's anger or not."

Afghan presidential challenger wants results held

KABUL (AP)—The leading challenger in Afghanistan's presidential vote urged electoral officials Saturday to stop announcing preliminary results because of "highly suspicious numbers" in tallies released so far.

Abdullah

Results from the Aug. 20 election have been dribbling out alongside a torrent of complaints of ballot box stuffing and voter intimidation. International and Afghan observers have been critical of the vote but have held back judgment until counting and fraud investigations have finished.

Partial results from 60 percent of polling stations show President Hamid Karzai ahead but still shy of the more than 50 percent needed to avoid a runoff.

Former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah said that the tallies released so far show suspicious figures, with a number of stations posting nearly identical numbers for Karzai and none for any other candidate. Abdullah said those numbers were "highly suspicious" and indicate that the electoral commission is not holding back votes from areas where complaints have been filed.

The electoral commission has said it is only announcing "clean votes," not reporting those that suggest ballot-box stuffing or other fraud.

Abdullah has previously alleged fraud on the part of the Karzai administration and said that electoral workers, appointed by Karzai, are partisan to the president. He said the latest tallies are proof that the system is rigged.

"It is state-engineered fraud. It is not violations here and there," Abdullah said. "I request the electoral commission not to announce the provisional results anymore because it's fraudulent."

World

Holy City twist: Arabs moving into Jewish areas

JERUSALEM (AP)—Yousef Majlaton moved into the Jerusalem neighborhood of Pisgat Zeev for such comforts as proper running water and regular garbage pickup. But he represents a potentially volatile twist in the Israeli-Palestinian dispute over the holy city.

The hillside sprawl of townhouses and apartment blocks was built for Jews, and Majlaton is a Palestinian.

Pisgat Zeev is part of Israel's effort to fortify its presence in Jerusalem's eastern half which it captured in the 1967 war.

But Majlaton, his wife and three kids are among thousands who have crossed the housing lines to Pisgat Zeev and neighborhoods like it in a migration that is raising tempers among some Jewish residents.

It wasn't so much the politics of this contested city that drew Majlaton to Pisgat Zeev, however; it was the prospect of escaping the potholed roads and scant municipal services he endured for 19 years while renting in an Arab neighborhood.

"You see that air conditioner?" he said, pointing to the large wall unit cooling his living room. "In the Arab areas, the electricity is too weak to run one that big."

Majlaton, 50, says some Jewish neighbors are warming up to him, but the influx bothers others, who say they're thinking of moving out or refuse to sell or rent to Arabs.

This is much more than a simple matter of real estate. Demographics could figure heavily in how Jerusalem is partitioned in a future peace deal. If that happens, it is expected the city will be split along ethnic lines—Jewish neighborhoods to Israel, Arab neighborhoods to Palestine.

AP

This July 30, 2009 photo shows a veiled Arab woman walking past a poster for a clothing company outside a shopping center in the Jewish neighborhood of Pisgat Zeev in east Jerusalem.

Palestinians see east Jerusalem as their future capital. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vows the whole city will remain united as Israel's capital.

Palestinians have long accused those among them who sell land to Jews of betraying their homeland, and last week similar language was heard from a group of rabbis. Meeting in Pisgat Zeev, they issued an edict denouncing Jews who sell land to Arabs as "traitors" and barring them from participating in communal prayers.

"This is a war, and if the Arabs conquer one neighborhood, they will conquer others and they will strangle the Jews," said Hillel Weiss, a spokesman for the "New Sanhedrin," which takes its name from the supreme court of ancient Israel.

In 2007, the latest year with available statistics, about 1,300 of Pisgat Zeev's 42,000 residents were Arabs. In nearby French Hill, population 7,000, nearly one-sixth are Arabs, among them students at the neighboring Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Neve Yaakov, with 20,000 people, had 600 Arabs, according to the Israel Center for Jerusalem Studies, a respected think tank.

US *harshly rebukes* Israel *on settlement plans*

WASHINGTON (AP)—Alarmed by Israeli plans to build new housing units in settlements and dimming prospects for American peace efforts, the Obama administration on Friday put out a rare and harsh public rebuke of its main Mideast ally.

The White House said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's settlement plans were "inconsistent" with commitments the Jewish state has made previously and harmful to U.S. attempts to lay the groundwork for a resumption in peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

"United States does not accept the legitimacy of continued settlement expansion and we urge that it stop," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said in a statement. "We are working to create a climate in which negotiations can take place, and such actions make it harder to create such a climate."

Netanyahu's aides, speaking on condition of anonymity Friday because the plans have not been formally announced, said any Israeli settlement freeze would not halt building the new units and or block completion of some 2,500 others currently under construction. They also said the freeze would not include east Jerusalem, which the Palestinians hope to make their future capital.

The unusually blunt White House criticism reflected the administration's growing frustration with Netanyahu, whose decision would approve hundreds of new housing units in West Bank settlements before considering even a temporary freeze in construction, as President Barack Obama has requested.

The White House typically refrains from commenting on such moves until they are formally announced. But in this case, U.S. officials said they acted because Mideast peace envoy George Mitchell had already been briefed on the Israeli plans earlier in the week.

State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said Mitchell and the Israelis had been having "a very open dialogue" in "very intense discussions." He would not elaborate.

Woman's case reflects prisoners' treatment in Iran

BEIRUT (AP)—The interrogator politely apologized for grilling the prisoner about her role in the mass protests over Iran's disputed presidential election.

Then the prisoner was made to sit facing a wall in the courtyard of Iran's Evin Prison, blindfolded, handcuffed and covered in an all-enveloping chador for four and a half hours under the blazing sun.

"America is our enemy," the interrogator told her. "Why are you so naive and can't see this? It's exploiting the situation here and wants to ransack the country. They don't have your interest at heart.

The ordeal of Nazy, a 29-year-old university student who worked with the campaign of defeated presidential candidate Mehdi Karroubi, gives a rare glimpse of what is happening to detained protesters. Nazy spoke to The Associated Press by telephone from Tehran after her release on the condition that only her first name be used, to protect herself and her family.

Thousands have been arrested since incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was declared the winner, despite cries of fraud. The opposition claims detainees were savagely raped by their jailers and at least 69 people were killed, including some from beatings in prison.

The account from Nazy, who is known in reformist circles, could not be independently backed up. But former prisoners and human rights groups have noted that such treatment of prisoners—a mix of intimidation and persuasion known as white torture—is widespread, and that ordinary people along with well-known opposition politicians have been subjected to it.

"This case is one of thousands that take place in Iran," said Mohammad Javad Akbarein, an analyst who was himself jailed in 2001. "The majority of prisoners experience white torture. But it's worrisome when people become complacent when prisoners are not subjected to black torture and forget that their rights, dignity and honor are trampled on."

Mexico catches suspect in border incursion, deaths

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP)—Mexican soldiers arrested a suspected drug gang leader linked to a 2006 border incursion by armed traffickers into Texas and the killing of an anti-crime activist in July, the army said late Saturday.

The army said in a statement that soldiers acting on a tip about armed men detained Jose Rodolfo Escajeda in Nuevo Casas Grandes, in northern Chihuahua state.

Escajeda and three other suspects detained with him Friday allegedly worked for the Juarez cartel, named after the border city of Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas. The suspects were riding in bullet-resistant vehicles.

The army said Escajeda, who is wanted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the other suspects were turned over to Mexican prosecutors. It did not say whether he would be extradited to face charges in the United States.

A U.S. federal grand jury indictment names Escajeda as "allegedly responsible for an incursion into the United States" as well as drug charges, according to the DEA.

On Jan. 24, 2006 at least 10 men in Mexican military-style uniforms crossed the Rio Grande into the United States on a marijuana-smuggling foray, leading to an armed confrontation with Texas law officers near Neely's Crossing, Texas, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of El Paso.

State police tried to stop the three sport utility vehicles, which made a quick U-turn and headed south toward the border, a few miles away.

When the SUVs reached the Rio Grande, police saw the occupants of a green, Mexican army-style Humvee apparently waiting for the convoy.

WORLD BRIEFS

Gabon troops outside stadium as unrest continues

LIBREVILLE, Gabon (AP)—Hundreds of soldiers deployed en masse around Gabon's soccer stadium for a World Cup qualifier Saturday as the country's new president attended and postelection violence continued for a third straight day. Ali Bongo arrived at the stadium in a convoy of SUVs. He walked up to the VIP booth, then stepped forward to salute the crowd, wearing a cap embossed with a miniature map of his country and the word "Gabon." Soldiers and riot police set up a perimeter around the stadium and stood guard at every entrance. The mood inside the stadium was tense as Gabon lost 2-0 to neighboring Cameroon. An Associated Press reporter saw police beat one man who tried to enter without a ticket. Otherwise, the match finished without incident.

UK anti-Islamic extremism protest turns violent

LONDON (AP)—A rally against Islamic extremism in the ethnically mixed English city of Birmingham turned violent Saturday as protesters clashed with counter-demonstrators. Police reported more than 30 arrests. Trouble broke out when protesters from the English Defense League, a group which says it is opposed to militant Islam in Britain, were met in Birmingham's downtown area by anti-fascist activists and counter-demonstrators. Sky News television footage showed police confining members of the English Defense League inside pubs as counter demonstrators held up placards and shouted slogans nearby. The broadcaster said many of the protesters were loaded onto buses and subsequently arrested.

7 convicted of killing Grenada leader released

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP)—Seven men convicted of killing Grenada's leader in the 1983 coup that triggered a U.S. invasion strode out of prison on Saturday—the last of 17 who had been sentenced for the crime. Dozens of relatives cheered and clapped as former Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard and six other men emerged from the crumbling 17th century prison where they served nearly 26 years. Former co-defendants took their hands and accompanied them. Leftist Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, four Cabinet ministers and six supporters were dragged before a firing squad and shot dead on Oct. 19, 1983, by members of their own New Jewel movement—followers of Coard who demanded more radical policies.

Health & Fitness

Elizabeth Gutermann can barely remember a time when she wasn't competing. She joined a club swim team at age 8, and by 13 she was practicing eight times a week. Some workouts were so arduous that her coach left buckets at the end of each lane for swimmers to vomit in.

For building up young people, nothing beats athletic competition

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She enjoyed considerable success—she holds three records at the Montgomery County, Md., neighborhood pool where I also swim—but paid a high price: In her early teens she often felt physically sick and mentally exhausted. When she failed to live up to her own expectations, she developed a temper. Even coaches were hesitant to talk to her after a bad race.

At 15, she gave up competitive swimming for coaching, drastically reducing the demands on herself in favor of teaching others. "The year I traded swimming for coaching, I realized it wasn't about me, and I could pass on my love for the sport to other kids," recalled Gutermann, now 18 and a freshman at the University of Texas at Austin. "I could still enjoy the sport even though I wasn't the best anymore."

Had Gutermann simply matured and developed a new perspective on her life's endeavor? To what extent had her involvement in sports and fitness helped her grow up, providing clarity about what really mattered to her?

If you're a parent, you know there's no clear answer to such questions. The important thing, of course, is what Gutermann learned through participation and competition, by trying and failing to live up to the goals she had set for herself, and by finding another path in life.

With schools reopening, the high school sports pages soon will be dominated by the ferocity of athletic competition, by wins and losses and point totals, by the occasional abuse of the rules in pursuit of victory.

The other 99.9 percent of us—kids and parents alike—will not see our reality reflected anywhere. Our kids will chase soccer balls and footballs without a prayer of making the local paper or winning a scholarship. Yet as parents have known for ages, the true value of competitive sports and personal fitness regimens is what youngsters take with them when they leave the field. And when they leave home.

In controlled circumstances and measured doses, competition provides so much more than fun and exercise. It teaches kids how far they are willing to push themselves, how to win and lose with class and how to perform under pressure. They encounter, and cope with, disappointment. They meet and bond with other competitors, or kids who share the same interest, in a way that other activities can't match. They learn the importance of teamwork. They develop leadership skills. And they may find that special coach who becomes a role model, a mentor, a lifelong friend.

"How do you know when the track team has held a wild party in your house?" I asked my wife a couple of years ago.

"How?"

"You come home Sunday morning and the place is littered with Gatorade bottles."

Yeah, I know. Some athletes drink, use drugs and do all the other stupid teen-age things that keep us up at night. But I've had two children graduate from high school, one a noncompetitive participant in sports, the other a varsity athlete, and both have fallen in with the same highly motivated, respectful, compassionate crowd of teammates.

Would that have happened if they hadn't been putting in hours of practice and competition together? I'd like to think so. But playing sports betters the odds.

Research has shown that involvement in competitive sports in high school "is correlated with success, i.e. finishing high school, going to college and higher pay later on," said John Bishop, an associate professor of economics at Cornell University who has studied the role of extracurricular activities in schools. What experts don't know, he said, is whether there is a cause-and-effect relationship between the two or whether the kids who are willing to bust their butts on a ballfield are the same ones who go the extra mile in the classroom.

But with most schools requiring a minimum GPA to stay eligible for sports, it doesn't really matter, Bishop says. To that extent, good grades and athletics go hand in hand.

Would your child develop similar habits and skills in the orchestra, on the debate team, in the school play? Yes, said Bishop, if there is competition for positions and the activity demands the same kind of practice, organization and leadership. But sports are probably more ingrained in the culture of the school, and athletes probably command more respect from students than mathletes, he said. And there is no physical fitness benefit to most other endeavors.

Competition is relative. This summer, I helped chaperone a group of athletes to San Francisco for the Maccabi Games, an Olympics for Jewish Community Center teams from around the world. There were some excellent athletes who could play anywhere, but the level of competition was certainly below what you would find in many high schools.

It didn't matter. For that week, those kids pursued medals as if they were in Beijing last summer. And team dynamics were similar. One soccer coach was proud to see his 16-year-old captain, unprompted, step in and end the "needless ribbing" and isolation of one player. A girl I coached, who shied from relay races on the track for fear she would cause three teammates to lose, wound up with a gold medal when I entered her with three sprinters.

"I was so (angry) when you put me in there," she told me as we stood in line at the closing ceremonies. "But now I appreciate it."

What if your child simply won't go for competitive sports in school? Opportunities abound. Noncompetitive fitness regimens promote good health, relieve stress and raise self-esteem.

One program that has formalized the on-field, off-field link in a special way is Girls on the Run. As they train for a noncompetitive 5K fun run, girls in the third through eighth grades also spend time at each practice learning about the serious issues they will soon confront: nutrition, drugs, bullying. They learn to celebrate themselves the way they are, instead of longing for Madison Avenue's version of who they should be. They learn about the importance of giving back to their community.

Started in 1996 by a North Carolina mom, the program has spread to thousands of sites across the country.

"We don't care if you walk, crawl, do jumping jacks or whatever you need to do to get to the finish line," said Elizabeth McGlynn, executive director of Girls on the Run of Montgomery County. "The basic idea is to teach girls about self-esteem, nutrition, healthy living — and you sneak the running in."

Day care centers urged to be vigilant against flu

WASHINGTON (AP)—Will you start seeing thermometers at day care centers? The government is urging the nation's 360,000 child care providers to be vigilant about sending home children who may have the flu—and the main symptom to check for is a fever.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidelines Friday for day care programs that echo the advice for schools: Kids need vaccine—against both regular flu and the new swine flu—and they should stay home when they're sick. Don't return until 24 hours after a fever naturally subsides.

"If your child comes down with the flu, we hope you plan to keep them home and not share this with their playmates," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said.

The guidelines urge day care providers to do a quick health check every day, looking for children with flu-like symptoms or other signs that they might be getting ill, such as not playing normally. Centers should separate the sick child from others until he or she can be taken home.

But it can be very hard to tell if a child is sneezing because of flu, the common cold or even allergies.

"There are many, many different kinds of respiratory illnesses that children get, and we don't want to be sending children home unnecessarily," said Dr. Beth Bell, a CDC epidemiologist.

So checking for a fever is what Bell called a "reasonable indicator" of flu, either the regular winter strains or the swine flu that scientists call the 2009 H1N1 flu.

While not everyone with swine flu has a fever, the CDC has said such cases are rare.

Regular winter flu kills 80 to 100 U.S. youngsters every year, so children are supposed to get vaccinated against it each fall. But swine flu is putting new emphasis on flu and kids: At least 40 children have died of it since spring, accounting for about one in 13 U.S. swine flu deaths, the CDC said this week—and it spreads very easily among children.

One puzzle: While regular winter flu is most dangerous to children 4 and under, most children who have died of swine flu so far are age 5 to 17. It's possible that that's because school-age children are the group most infected so far, but scientists aren't sure.

Regardless, children of all ages are supposed to be among the first in line to get swine flu vaccine when it arrives in mid-October.

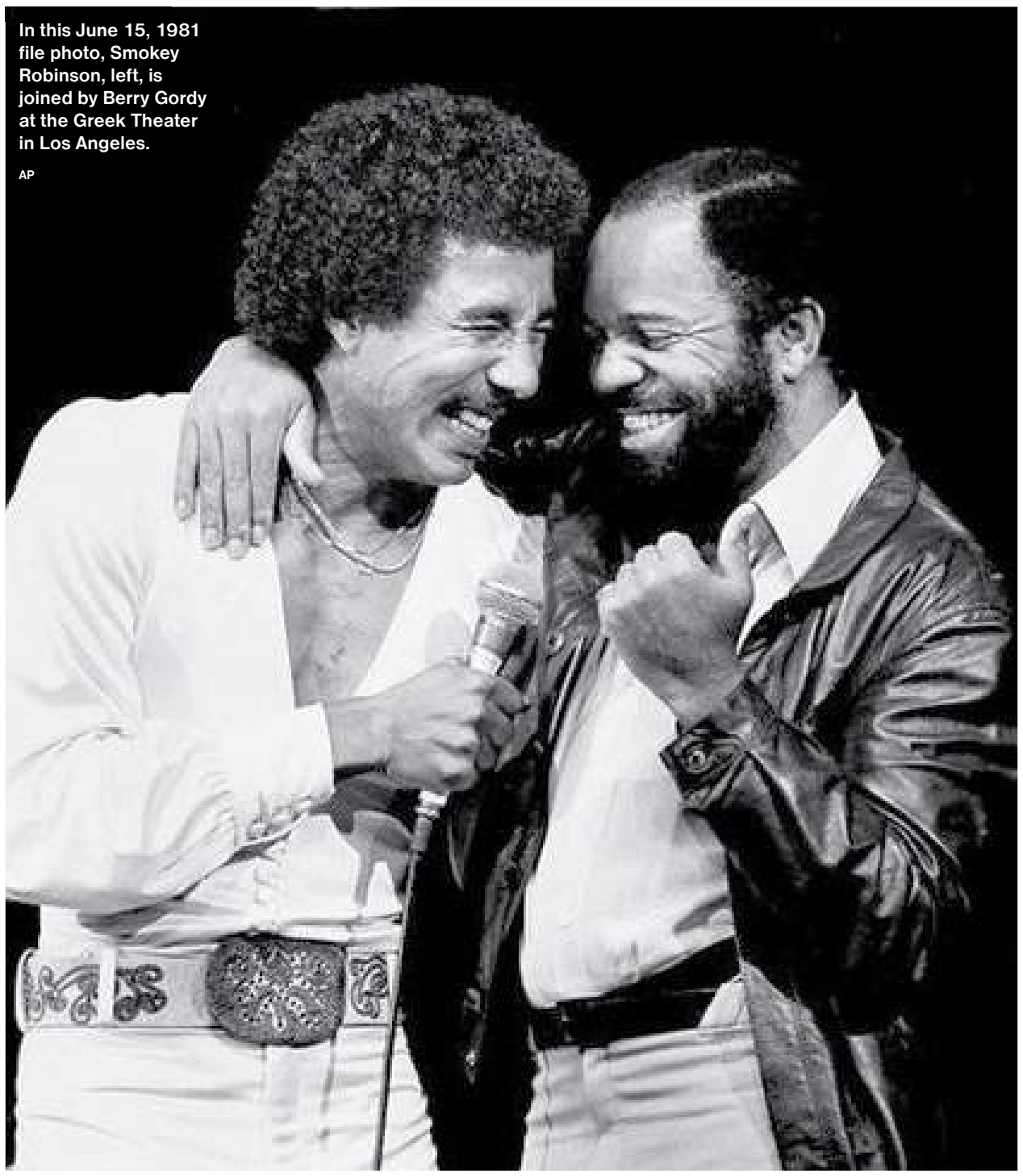
Vaccine against both types is a good idea for day care workers, too, Sebelius said. It could mean the difference between a center staying open or having to close because of absent staff. Any child care workers that care for infants, or who themselves have high-risk conditions, will be among priority groups for swine flu vaccine.

"It's the best way to keep them safe and the way to keep the children in the center safe," Sebelius said.

Meanwhile, day care centers also should stress commonsense flu-fighters: Wash hands often, and teach children to cough and sneeze into their elbow, not the hand they'll immediately stick onto a toy or a neighbor. A key way that flu spreads is for someone to touch a germy surface and then touch their nose or mouth.

Life & Style

Motown turns 50, but the party's far from over



In this June 15, 1981 file photo, Smokey Robinson, left, is joined by Berry Gordy at the Greek Theater in Los Angeles.

AP

DETROIT (AP)—On Jan. 12, 1959, Elvis Presley was in the Army. The Beatles were a little-known group called The Quarrymen casting about for gigs in Liverpool. The nascent rock 'n' roll world was a few weeks away from "the day the music died"—when a single-engine plane crash claimed the lives of Buddy Holly, J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson and Ritchie Valens.

It's also the day a 29-year-old boxer, assembly line worker and songwriter named Berry Gordy Jr. used an $800 family loan to start a record company in Detroit.

Fifty years later, Motown Records Corp. and its stable of largely African-American artists have become synonymous with the musical, social and cultural fabric of America. The company spawned household names, signature grooves and anthems for the boulevard and bedroom alike that transcended geography and race.

And time.

Motown may be 50 years old, but it isn't any less relevant with current hitmakers—from Taylor Swift to Coldplay—citing the label's signature "sound" as an influence.

Would there be a Beyonce or Mariah Carey had Diana Ross, Martha Reeves and Gladys Knight not come first?

How about Kanye West and Justin Timberlake? What would have become of their musical careers had Motown not blazed a trail with the likes of Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations and The Four Tops?

"There were just so many amazing artists that came through. It was such a surge," said singer-songwriter Jewel, whose recently released collection of original lullabies includes Motown influences. "And it really informed The Beatles' melodies. So much of what pop music and popular culture became. I recommend everybody go back and look at those melodies and see where they find them today, because they're resurfacing and being remixed, basically, into new pop songs."

From its founding in 1959 to a much-debated move to Los Angeles 13 years later, what has become known as "classic Motown" created a once-in-a-lifetime sound that was local and global, black and white, gritty and gorgeous, commercial and creative, Saturday night and Sunday morning.

"I Heard it Through the Grapevine." "My Girl." "The Tears of a Clown."

Like the two-sided singles the Motown factory churned out 24 hours a day, seven days a week at Studio A inside the Hitsville, U.S.A., building at 2648 West Grand Boulevard, Motown Records in the 1960s stood out from the musical pack—and still does today—because of its ability to tune the tension between two opposing forces.

The Associated Press, on the occasion of Motown's 50th, invited both Motown greats and heavyweights from the worlds of music and beyond to discuss how the legendary Detroit musical movement's sound, style, savvy and sensuality have stood the test of time.

GETTING STARTED:

"The thing that struck me was how ferociously determined he had to be to borrow that 800 bucks and start with nothing."—Bill Clinton, former U.S. president

The tale of the $800 loan has become the stuff of legend.

Gordy worked at a Ford Motor Co. plant and wrote songs when he could, all the while dreaming of owning and running his own record company.

The loan from his family's savings club allowed him to make that happen.

He had the vision and the seed money, but next Gordy needed the talent—the singers, songwriters and musicians.

He didn't have far to look.

Detroit alone produced many of the creative wizards who gave Motown its initial burst.

Robinson and the Miracles attended high school together, while Ross and future Supremes Mary Wilson and Florence Ballard grew up in the city's housing projects.

Gordy plucked from Detroit's flourishing nightclub scene a group of supremely talented jazz musicians who would become the label's house band, the Funk Brothers. Strings, winds and brass came from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and other classical outlets.

And the prolific songwriting trio known as Holland-Dozier-Holland—Lamont Dozier and the Holland brothers, Brian and Eddie—also were local hires.

The talent was there. Now what?

Gordy sought to incorporate some of the same principles from the auto factory floor and bring them to bear in the studio on West Grand.

He wanted it to be a place where everybody had a role, but the best ideas would win.

"Berry Gordy made sure everything they put out was 100 percent fierce, 100 percent listenable," said R&B singer Patti LaBelle, who was not a Motown artist but rose alongside it in the 1960s.

"Then, you know if you ... put on a Motown record, you were going to hear something with substance."

MUSICIANSHIP/ CREATIVITY

"Berry Gordy—people think of him as an entrepreneur, but he's a songwriter at heart, which makes total sense. You have a songwriter here and amazing songs. A guy has the brilliance to understand that it starts with great songs."—Anita Baker, R&B singer

Of course, it started with songs, but even that came with a competition more common to commerce than art.

Gordy knew cooperation was crucial but rivalries among singers as well as songwriting teams would be the best way to get a record out the door and onto the top of the charts.

"If (songwriter) Norman Whitfield had a No. 1 hit on The Temptations, Holland-Dozier-Holland would say, `Shoot, we gotta get a No. 1 with The Four Tops. Come on in here, Tops,'" recalled Abdul "Duke" Fakir, the lone surviving original member of The Four Tops, which signed with Motown in 1963 and produced 20 top 40 hits during the next decade.

"I'd say, `Yeah man, you'd better hurry up, man. I got a bet with The Temptations we're gonna have one in the next two weeks.' We would just push and push and push."

Fakir says there was a relentlessness on all levels of the recording process.

"Nothing was done generically. I've been to a lot of sessions outside of Motown where the session is very generic, very laid-back ... very professional, and there's no guts and blood," he said. "But here, everything was done with passion."

In 1965, during his label's ascendancy, Gordy said passion helped spur Motown to greatness.

"I talked about this one night over dinner with Smokey and Diana Ross," he told AP at the time. "We thought back about the neighborhoods we were in ... and we came up with a six-word definition: rats, roaches, struggle, talent, guts, love."

Motown left nothing to chance: A "quality control" committee met weekly to review the latest sonic offerings. Gordy was the final arbiter, but posed this question: Would you buy the record or a sandwich if you were down to your last dollar?

Don Felder, former guitarist for the Eagles and co-writer of their hit "Hotel California," says the results rarely failed.

"I don't know if anybody ever sat down and looked at the percentages of acts that Berry actually signed, recorded and released and the percentages of hits versus failures. But his track record has just been astronomical. ... He has just, in my opinion, the ears of a genius."

SOUND/RECORDING:

"You had naturally gifted engineers and producers that didn't let that technical expertise interfere with that rawness. ... Somehow the ... engineer/producers, thank God, either admittedly or just instinctually saw when these guys started jamming it just sounded good."—Ted Nugent, rock guitarist and singer

Gordy may have been blessed with an unparalleled ability to recognize hits, but many say those great songs probably would've been a bit more ordinary if not for Studio A.

It didn't look like anything special—certainly by today's standards of digitized recording—but the sounds it produced were.

"You didn't have Pro Tools. It was perfectly imperfect," said country star Wynonna Judd. "You had a lot of people who were sweaty and tired and who were singing from their toenails. ... If you can't cop it live, get off the porch."

A square, smallish room, Studio A was accessed by descending a small flight of stairs. Its below-ground standing earned it the nickname "The Snake Pit."

There, artists, writers, producers, engineers—anybody associated with music-making—gathered to record.

For 13 years, nearly every Motown hit was cut in Studio A and the adjacent control room.

The Funk Brothers set up shop—James Jamerson on bass, Benny Benjamin on drums and so on—and the singers did their thing, all face-to-face in the same room.

"The studio itself is its own beast. It can take away or it can add to the sounds you're making with your instruments," said pop singer-songwriter Gavin DeGraw. "Some rooms are dead. You play a note, and the sound disappears.

"Some rooms they ring too much. Acoustically, they're just too active. But some of them, they just have good sound. The (Motown) recordings I've heard

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Debts closing in on photographer Annie Leibovitz

NEW YORK (AP)—Annie Leibovitz's artsy, provocative portraits of celebrities regularly grace the covers of Vanity Fair and Vogue, images that have made her as famous as her subjects and earned her millions.

Now Leibovitz risks losing the copyright to the images—and her entire life's work—if she doesn't pay back a $24 million loan by Tuesday. Art Capital Group, a New York company that issues short-term loans against fine and decorative arts and real estate, sued her in late July for breach of contract.

"We have clear contractual rights and will protect them in any scenario," said ACG spokesman Montieth Illingworth on Friday. "Our preference is for this to be resolved."

Some experts say filing for bankruptcy reorganization could be the best option for Leibovitz, 59, who has put up as collateral her three historic Greenwich Village townhouses, an upstate property and work. She bought two of the townhouses in 2002, embarking on extensive renovations to combine them into one property. That spurred protests from historic preservationists and a $15 million lawsuit by a neighbor.

"Based on the magnitude of her obligations and the facts as they are publicly known, that would be the best option," said art lawyer Peter Stern.

Leibovitz's images of musicians, presidents and Hollywood glitterati are cultural touchstones. One of her earliest photos is of John Lennon curled up naked in a fetal position with Yoko Ono, taken just hours before he was assassinated in 1980.

So to many, her decision to gamble the rights to her work seems inexplicable. "Jaw-dropping," Stern said.

Her editorial agent, Contact Press Images, has declined to comment on the case, saying it is a private matter.

Her spokesman, Matthew Hiltzik, has accused ACG of harassment.

"There has been tension and dispute since the beginning ... For now, her attention remains on her photography and on continuing to organize her finances," Hiltzik said.

A reorganization filing would suspend all litigation against Leibovitz and place her finances under the protection of a federal judge, said bankruptcy lawyer Paul Silverman, who works with Stern. Neither attorney is involved in the case.

AP

In this Oct. 9, 2007 file photo, photographer Annie Leibovitz, center, speaks to the media about her gallery exhibition, Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005, during a press preview of the exhibit at the Corcoran Museum of Art in Washington. Leibovitz, who has photographed personalities such as John Lennon and Demi Moore, is in danger of losing the copyright to her vast body of work if she doesn't pay back a $24 million loan by Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009.

Last year, Leibovitz put up her homes and the copyright to every picture she has ever taken—or will take—as collateral to secure the loan to pay off her mounting debt: unpaid bills, mortgage payments and tax liens, ACG said.

While no one has suggested publicly how Leibovitz got into such desperate financial straits, the mortgage debt on all her properties—including the townhouses in Greenwich Village and a sprawling estate in Rhinebeck, N.Y.—totaled about $15 million. This includes the $1.2 million loan she took out on two of the townhouses, and another $2.2 million three years later, according to New York magazine.

In addition to her mortgages, court records show that she piled up years of federal, state and city liens and judgments from vendors for unpaid bills—all presumably now satisfied with the $24 million she borrowed. Federal records show that Leibovitz owed a total of $2.1 million in unpaid taxes for tax years 2004, 2006 and 2007. She also had New York state tax liens of $247,980 for six years, including $135,915 in 2007. And she owed New York City several thousand dollars for three years.

In 2008, a design firm that did work on one of her Greenwich Village properties claimed that she owed it $51,000. Leibovitz was also accused that year of refusing to pay $386,000 to a photo stylist during a 2007 shoot Leibovitz did for the Disney Company in 2007.

Her spokesman, Hiltzik, declined Thursday to discuss her finances.

"Annie is working to resolve the situation so it would be inappropriate to comment," Hiltzik said.

Art Capital Group, which consolidated all her loans in September 2008, charged in its lawsuit that Leibovitz breached the contract by refusing to allow real estate experts into her homes to appraise their value and by blocking ACG from selling her photographs.

ACG has estimated the value of the Leibovitz portfolio at $40 million; real estate brokers say her New York properties are worth about $40 million.

Manhattan luxury real estate broker Leonard Steinberg of Prudential Douglas Elliman estimated the two Greenwich Village townhouses would be worth $14 million to $18 million in today's market. Steinberg is not the broker on the property.

Leibovitz also owned an apartment in Paris, which she bought for her longtime companion, writer and feminist Susan Sontag.

Leibovitz gave birth at the age of 51 to her daughter Sara in 2001, and has twins, who were born to a surrogate in 2005.

ACG, with art gallery-like offices on Madison Avenue, is in effect a high-end pawn shop and just like pawn shops, is just as happy to see a default, according to art and money experts.

Under the sales agreement with Leibovitz, Illingworth said, the company would get 10 percent commission on the sale of Leibovitz' real estate and 15 percent on the sale of her portfolio. Leibovitz would get the remainder after paying off the $24 million loan, interest and other fees, he said. If she defaults, the company would get a net 12 percent commission, after paying approximately 13 percent for costs and fees.

Leibovitz, 6 feet tall with long blond tresses, joined Vanity Fair in 1983. Over the years, her lens has captured the rich and famous: Barack Obama, Queen Elizabeth II and Bruce Springsteen among them. She gave the world its first glimpse of baby Suri, newborn daughter of Hollywood's superstar couple Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, on the cover of Vanity Fair.

Her Vanity Fair salary has been reported to be about $2 million, according to New York magazine. She also has done work for Louis Vuitton and American Express; she charges $100,000 for private portraits.

A meticulous and demanding artist designated a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress, Leibovitz makes her photo shoots lavish, sometimes theatrical affairs. For a portrait of Kristin Dunst as Marie Antoinette, she flew the actress and a crew to Paris for a shoot at the Versailles. She put Whoopi Goldberg in a bathtub of warm milk. Many of her images are provocative and controversial, including those last year of 15-year-old Miley Cyrus exposing bare shoulders and back, and a portrait of a very pregnant and nude Demi Moore in 1991.

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come out of that room. I listen to those recordings all the time, and I think: `Why does that room sound so good?' There's something to be said for it."

DeGraw liked the Motown recording approach so much that he rereleased his 2003 hit album "Chariot" a year later in a "stripped" format.

"I was really using that Motown ... sound as a template," he said. "I was thinking about those records and the rawness of those records."

The "sound" itself was a blend of traditional gospel, jazz, R&B and pop that had crossover appeal for audiences of all ages and races.

SOCIAL CHANGE/RACE:

"It was the first, I think, black record company that was able to make the transition ... and was not only for the black music audience but also for a world music audience. I think that's what Motown represented."—Danny Glover, actor and activist

When Motown was born, as Robinson tells it, songs produced by African-American artists automatically were categorized as R&B, while a similar sound coming from a white artist would have been classified as pop.

But Gordy would have none of it. He set out to make music for all people, not "black music for black people" as had been the standard. While certain African-American artists had found a wider audience in the jazz and early rock-and-roll eras, Gordy took it a step further by pushing a sound that gained universal appeal and helped break down racial barriers in music.

His belief was that quality music would find its way into the ears of all, regardless of race.

"I think that's why it was so successful as a social tool, because it wasn't race-specific," DeGraw said. "It was just great music.

"And it allowed people to look past those typical lines. ... People could hear music like that in a time when people were looking at each other strangely, wondering what their motivations were, and they could go: `Hey man, OK, no one's holding a grudge. It just sounds good. Let's enjoy ourselves.'"

For Baker, Motown's barrier-busting ways hit home.

"I remember `The Ed Sullivan Show.' ... I'm a little kid. Every Sunday, Ed Sullivan comes on. And you get to see all of these artists from around the world. But Diana Ross and The Supremes come on. And I saw myself. Do you understand? I saw me," she said. "I saw a little black girl. ... I saw myself in a way I had never seen it before."

Motown billed itself as the "sound of young America," and it was that demographic that found itself at the center of the growing civil rights movement. Rosa Parks was arrested in Alabama a few years before Motown's founding, but the movement gained steam at the same time Motown did.

"Back in the '60s, when we weren't allowed to do or go certain places, our music crept into people's homes ... into their bathrooms, their bedrooms, their living rooms, their kitchens, their cars," Fakir said. "We spurred marriages and poor little crib babies ... 'cause parents were playing (our) music. ... That's how our legacy is going to be carried on."

LEGACY:

"That sound is just as alive today. And that sound still stands up. ... Everybody in the whole wide world has been influenced by Detroit and the Motown sound."—Dolly Parton, country singer, songwriter and actress

Motown was groundbreaking in many ways—from its signature sound and lengthy list of high-profile artists to the unique way it created and recorded music—but what's harder to pin down is what's kept the sound alive all these years.

"You hear (Motown) in almost everything," said Wilson, one-third of The Supremes. "I think Motown music, the Motown sound, is the model, the template that people use today in the music, and yes, you can hear it."

For many artists, it's inevitable that they would tread over some of the same ground because of the music's quality and distinctiveness.

"You can't get within sniffing distance of music, whether as a performer or listener, without being definitively impacted by these gods of thunder from Motown," said Nugent, the "Motor City Madman" who as a teenager played in a band that opened for The Supremes at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

Swift, a country singer-songwriter, admits it: She's one of the those whose sound is influenced by Motown. The 19-year-old, who has entered the realm of superstardom after back-to-back multi-platinum albums, says she and her father listened to his Motown greatest hits CD on the way to school.

"From an early age I had a bunch of different musical influences, but Motown I was just always so fascinated by the chord progression and how the lyrics and the melodies are so simple but they made you feel so much. I think that's the art of Motown," Swift said.

Another of the music world's hottest young acts, the Jonas Brothers, couldn't hide their glee at performing on this year's Grammy Awards telecast with Wonder, saying beforehand both they and their father grew up on the Motown legend's songs.

Not only did Motown bridge racial and generational gaps, but it also succeeded in crossing cultures.

Beatles manager Brian Epstein promoted Motown revues in the United Kingdom, which were popular with fans and stars alike. Fakir recalls being at a party with The Beatles, where the Fab Four peppered The Four Tops with questions about how they sang their harmonies and achieved other elements of their sound.

Motown even penetrated the Iron Curtain.

"I was in Russia some years ago before the walls came down. And we couldn't hardly get into Russia at that time—the Cold War," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson. "All night long they played The Supremes, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson. So the joy of Motown has been infectious around the world."

CODA:

"Let's just say it's a collision of grit and beauty. They're raw records. ... But they're beautifully crafted. They're wonderful to listen to, on every level."—Don Was, record producer and musician

Another global sensation, the late Michael Jackson, also got his start at Motown as a member of The Jackson 5.

Gordy, at Jackson's memorial service in July, talked about the 10-year-old prodigy he signed, calling him "the greatest entertainer that ever lived."

Jackson tomb remains a mystery at LA-area cemetery

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP)—The massive marble and concrete Great Mausoleum at Forest Lawn Memorial Park was slightly accessible by the public before Michael Jackson was entombed somewhere in its maze of floors and hallways.

Tell the entrance guard you were there to see the "Last Supper" stained-glass window show, and you were allowed to roam a portion of the catacombs for about 10 minutes before anyone hassled you.

But those open sections are only a fraction of the sprawling building that rises many stories and plunges deep underground.

So wherein lies the King of Pop in the monolith? That may be a secret for the ages.

On Friday, a tourist family asked a guard whether the superstar's tomb was private. The guard said it was.

"Private ... forever?" one of them asked.

"Private forever." he said.

No fans, no paparazzi, and so far no one trying too hard to steal a glimpse of the vault containing Jackson's golden casket.

The exact location may forever remain unknown to all but a select few: A guest who attended the Jackson ceremony told The Associated Press the casket had not been put into the vault by the time mourners left.

The guest spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the day.

Under Friday's hot midday sun, a woman with a camera was denied entry to the mausoleum. Guards shooed away a radio reporter who tried to go inside then began interviewing people outside.

The funeral began Thursday night nearly two hours after its scheduled 7 p.m. time. Some 200 mourners, including 77-year-old Elizabeth Taylor and other celebrities associated with Jackson, showed up promptly, only to wait at the outdoor seating area, under a withering late-summer sun that pushed temperatures to 90 degrees even as it was going down.

The ceremony began with remarks and song after the family arrived to fill the front five rows of white folding chairs.

Mourners then followed Jackson's brothers as they carried the casket into the mausoleum. The singer's daughter, 11-year-old Paris, cried and was comforted by her aunt, LaToya.

Paris and brothers Prince Michael, 12, and Prince Michael II, 7, known as Blanket, began the service by placing a bejeweled crown on their father's casket. They were composed through most of the 90-minute ceremony, the guest said.

Once inside, Gladys Knight performed the hymn "Our Father" (The Lord's Prayer) and moved many to tears, according to the guest. When it was over, many of the 200 mourners hugged each other. Among them were Taylor, Jackson's ex-wife Lisa Marie Presley, Barry Bonds and Macaulay Culkin.

As it ended, Katherine Jackson appeared extremely weary and had to be helped to her car, according to the guest. Earlier, she had a difficult time going into the mausoleum; she was overcome and turned back, making it unclear if she went in at all, the guest said.

More than 400 media credentials were issued to reporters and film crews who were kept behind barricades. The few clusters of fans who gathered around the secure perimeter encircling the cemetery entrance struggled to see.

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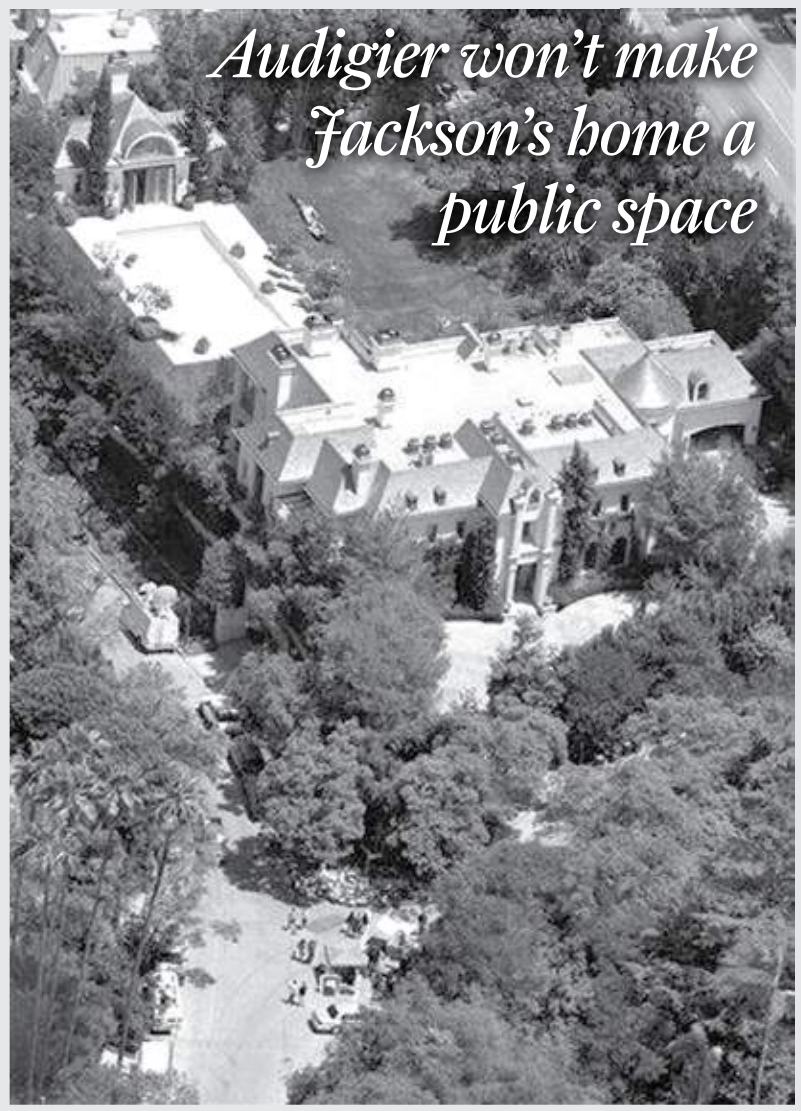
In this handout photo provided by Harrison Funk/The Jackson Family, Janet Jackson, Randy Jackson, Jackie Jackson, Tito Jackson, Jermaine Jackson and Marlon Jackson attend Michael Jackson's funeral service held at Glendale Forest Lawn Memorial Park on Sept. 3, 2009 in Glendale, Calif.

Glendale police said all went smoothly and there were no arrests.

Jackson will share eternity at Forest Lawn with the likes of Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and W.C. Fields, entombed alongside them in the Great Mausoleum. The level of security and secrecy about the location of Jackson's vault all but guaranteed it won't be turned into a shrine or tourist stop.

Audigier won't make Jackson's home a public space



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In this file photo taken, June 29, 2009, the rented home of Michael Jackson is seen from the air in the Holmby Hills section of Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Christian Audigier will not transform Michael Jackson's former home into a public space.

Michele Elyzabeth, a spokeswoman for the Ed Hardy clothing founder, said Audigier would move into the sprawling Holmby Hills mansion at the end of Jackson's lease on Dec. 15.

He also said that Audigier had no plans to turn the rental property where the King of Pop collapsed and later died into a public space.

The estate is owned by Ed Hardy CEO Hubert Guez.

Jackson was entombed Thursday night at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif.

'Accident' defies Hong Kong thriller genre

VENICE, Italy (AP)—Hong Kong director Soi Cheang's urban thriller "Accident" was two years in the making. The director spent much of that time plotting murders that go undetected as accidents.

The movie, produced by Johnnie To, breaks the conventional Hong Kong thriller genre. There are no chase scenes, and not a bullet is fired.

The main character Brain, played by Louis Koo, leads a band of unusually analytical hitmen whose modus operandi is taking out targets in apparent accidents. But Brain's paranoia grows after his wife and one of the band are killed in spectacular accidents.

"In the scene where Brain and his friends are sitting in a room discussing how to kill, that was actually me, trying to figure out how to kill in a plausible way," Cheang said in an interview Saturday before the premiere of "Accident" at the Venice Film Festival.

To devise feasible accidents, Cheang said he consulted not the Hong Kong underworld, but college professors. He said they advised him against his original plan to use sonar waves to make glass shatter in an opening scene, which they said would have to be very, very, very loud to work.

Cheang said he wanted to change his approach to directing after his last film "Shamo," which he was unhappy with. The producer, To, also requested a non-Cheang movie.

Cheang said he used the psychological drama to make the transition, experiencing a process similar to what Brain goes through in the film.

"Louis' character in the film knew what he wanted as his objective, and just had to figure out how to get there. We saw him questioning himself. That is what I went through," Cheang said.

"When I used to make a film, I felt this burning fire in my chest. I wanted to be different and rebel. I didn't want to be bound by rules," the 37-year-old director said. "This time I took a different approach, in a more calm and rational way. Like Louis in the film."

The movie also stars Richie Jen as Fong, the object of Brain's paranoia, and Michelle Ye as one of the gang of hitmen.

"I found Soi was one of the most patient directors," Ye said, emphasizing Cheang's refusal to follow the Hong Kong convention of shooting a film in a matter of weeks. "Soi is not moved by actions from the outside. He is very determined from the heart."

"Accident" is competing for the Golden Lion, which will be awarded Sept. 12.

AP

Hong Kong actress Han Yuqin and Taiwanese actor Richie Jen wait for the photo call for the film ' Yi Ngoy ' (Accident) at the 66th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009.

No prosecution for guard in Conn. model scuffle

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)—A criminal charge against a security guard who was accused of shoving former supermodel Stephanie Seymour into a door at her Connecticut home is being dismissed if he can stay out of trouble.

Seymour got into a dispute with guard Joseph Babnik in June when he was watching the Greenwich estate of her estranged husband, billionaire newsprint magnate Peter Brant.

Babnik told police Seymour had taken documents from him and he was trying to get them back. The former New York City police officer from Carmel, N.Y., was arrested and given a misdemeanor summons on a disorderly conduct charge.

But the state's attorney on Friday declined to prosecute the case after Seymour and Babnik reached a closed-door agreement. The charge will be dismissed in a year if Babnik isn't arrested again.

Lawyers for Seymour and Babnik have declined to comment.

AP

This Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008 file photo shows Stephanie Seymour in New York. Seymour has come to a closed-door agreement with security guard Joseph Babnik who was accused of shoving her into a door at her Connecticut home.

Madonna lights Sabbath candles with Israel PM

JERUSALEM (AP)—Madonna joined the Israeli prime minister and his family Friday in the traditional ritual welcoming the Jewish Sabbath

A statement from from the prime minister's office says the singer spent two hours with Bejamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara at their home lighting candles and reciting a blessing together.

Although not Jewish, the 51-year-old pop star claims a special bond with Israel and Jewish tradition.

She's been exploring Kabbalah, a form of Jewish mysticism, for more than a decade and has taken the Hebrew name, Esther.

She arrived in Israel on Sunday and performed in Tel Aviv on Tuesday and Wednesday.

She was wearing a short-sleeved black dress as she left the heavily guarded Netanyahu home Friday.

AP

In this handout photo released by the Government Press Office, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, second right, and his wife Sarah, left, seen, during a meeting with U.S. singer Madonna, at the Prime Minister's residence in Jerusalem, Friday, Sept. 4, 2009.

'Sopranos' actor Imperioli directs first film

NEW YORK (AP)—"Sopranos" actor Michael Imperioli has taken on a new role: first-time film director.

"The Hungry Ghosts"—packed with the kind of gritty passions found in the hit HBO series—will premiere Sept. 15 in New York.

The evening will be something of a cast reunion for actors from "The Sopranos." Steve Schirripa and Sharon Angela star in the film, and Vince Curatola, Lorraine Bracco and Vincent Pastore are expected as guests. The TV series ended in 2007.

"Ghosts" won't have the usual red-carpet opening.

Ticket sales for what's billed as "a private screening" at the Rubin Museum in downtown Manhattan will benefit Tibetan refugees and elderly Buddhist monks led by the Dalai Lama.

"Buddhism is an antidote to the characters in the film," said the 43-year-old director, who studies Eastern philosophy and practices the tae kwon do martial art with his wife and children.

AP

In this June 16, 2009 photo, actor Michael Imperioli attends the Cinema Society screening of "Cheri" in New York in New York.

His movie's characters float like ghosts through an intense 36 hours of New York life, wrestling with drugs, alcohol and sex in what Imperioli calls "the human struggle for completion."

"They're lost and searching for something, restless and desirous of something spiritual—and physical," he said in a telephone interview Saturday, adding with a laugh, "It's a common affliction, a universal one."

In this ensemble psychodrama, a cocaine-fueled radio host drives away his teenage son, who ends up in a park at night. A couple offers him alcohol and drugs, and the woman has sex with the youth while the man watches. In another narrative, a man fresh out of detox searches for his ex-lover, a woman who once taught yoga.

The various linked lives are saved by "a sense of compassion for each other, a sense of going beyond yourself," said Imperioli, noting that the yoga instructor tells the destructive radio host, "remember all the good that you've done."

In January, "Ghosts" opened the International Film Festival Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

Eighteen cast members, including Angela and Schirripa, have worked at the 67-seat Studio Dante theater that Imperioli and his wife, Victoria, run in Manhattan's Garment District.

He wrote the screenplay for the film he calls "a family affair."

With his wife co-producing and designing the sets, plus the actors' modest fees, the 105-minute movie was shot on a mere $600,000 budget.

Imperioli is now aiming for distribution of his independent silver-screen debut.

Widower of British reality star charged with rape

LONDON (AP)—The widower of British reality TV star Jade Goody has appeared in court on a rape charge.

Police in London say they charged 22-year-old Jack Tweed after receiving a complaint from a woman. At a court hearing Saturday he was ordered detained until a further appearance Sept. 21.

Tweed and Goody married in February, a month before her death at 27 from cervical cancer.

Weeks later Tweed was jailed for 12 weeks for attacking a cab driver. He has said he has struggled to cope with Goody's death.

Goody was a brash former dental nurse who became famous in 2002 when she appeared on reality TV show "Big Brother." Her public life and death became a national soap opera, and the cause of soul-searching about the nature of celebrity.

Tom Selleck wins Calif. court battle over horse

DEL MAR, Calif. (AP)—Actor Tom Selleck has been awarded more than $187,000 after a California jury found the actor was duped into buying a lame horse.

Selleck accused Del Mar equestrian Dolores Cuenca of trying to pass off a show horse with a medical condition as fit to ride in competitions.

The defense had argued that Selleck didn't check the veterinarian records of the 10-year-old Zorro.

The bulk of the San Diego County jury's award is for the price of the horse. The rest is to cover boarding costs. A second trial next week will determine how much Selleck should be paid in punitive damages.

Selleck is best known for his role on TV's "Magnum, P.I." in the 1980s.

AP

In this Saturday, May 10, 2008 photo, actor Tom Selleck arrives at the 15th Annual Entertainment Industry Foundation Revlon Run/Walk For Women in Los Angeles.

Befriending former colleague may cause trouble at work

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I live in a small city in the South, which means everyone knows everyone. A former co-worker, "Dina," moved across the street from me. We're friendly, but not too close. She and I taught at the same school.

While Dina doesn't always do things in a way I think is socially correct, she's a good soul who cares about her students. My principal likes me, which makes my work life much easier, but strongly dislikes Dina.

Abby, my principal has a "guilt by association" view of the world. I'm afraid to go out with Dina in case my boss should see me. While this may seem unsociable, I worry for my professional future. I don't want to jeopardize it for someone who may not be a longtime friend. Any advice?

IN A CORNER IN GEORGIA

DEAR IN A CORNER: Your principal appears to be controlling, judgmental, someone who plays favorites, and generally a truly awful person. However, unless you're willing to stand up for yourself and the fact that you are entitled to a personal life, you will be looking over your shoulder until the day you retire. Live your life, and if your principal retaliates in any way, take the matter to the administrator who supervises your boss.

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DEAR ABBY: "Leila" and I have been friends since high school. We've grown closer over the last few years.

The problem is her dog, "Prince." Her life is wrapped around that animal. Prince sleeps with her, eats off her plate and drinks from her glass. He has a stroller.

When Leila brought him to the funeral home, it was the last straw. Prince "groomed" himself the whole time, and she had him sit near me. She has also asked me to "baby-sit" her dog at work while she runs errands. (Prince is not a guide dog or service dog.)

Leila frequently invites me to her home to eat, but I make excuses because, frankly, it isn't clean. Prince requires everyone's full attention and often vomits when I'm there. I don't invite Leila to my home because I know she'll bring the dog. I don't like animals on my furniture.

Now don't get me wrong. I like dogs. I have owned several in the past. But I cannot stand that one.

I'm running out of excuses not to visit her. If we go out, we have to cut things short because she has to get back to "him," and I end up being left to pay the check. I am single, with one income. Leila owns her own business, and her husband earns six figures. Help!

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DEAR FED UP: Your problem isn't the dog. It's Leila. She turned you into a baby sitter for her dog during business hours? I can see it happening once during an emergency—but if you agreed to it after that, then you need to learn how to say no.

As to cutting your visits short because she has to get back to the dog, she could make other arrangements for him while she goes out with you. My advice is to ask her to repay her share of the meal tabs she has stuck you with. If this presumptuous woman disappears after that, your problem will be solved.

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DEAR ABBY: Can you settle a family argument? Who "owns" the leftovers? The person who orders the food or the person who foots the bill?

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DEAR KATE: If an entree is ordered in a restaurant, whatever uneaten food remains on someone's plate would belong to that person. Ditto for a dessert that went with the meal.

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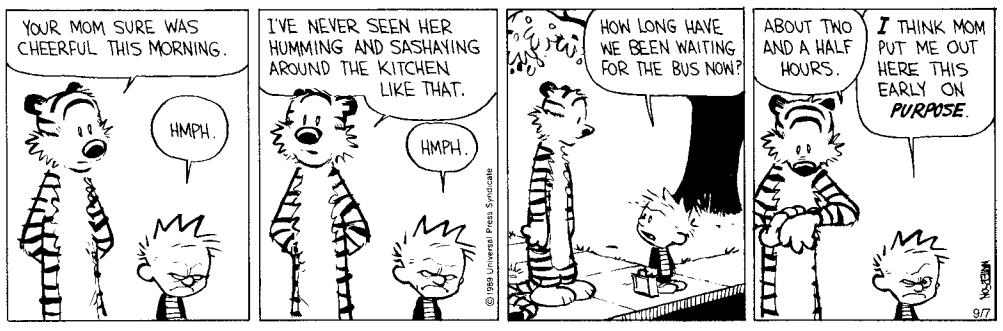
By Bill Waterson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HMPH.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER HUMMING AND SASHAYING AROUND THE KITCHEN LIKE THAT.
HMPH.
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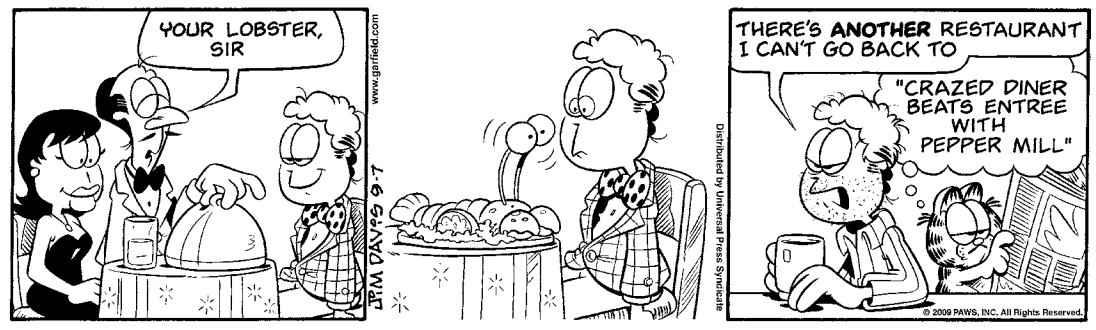
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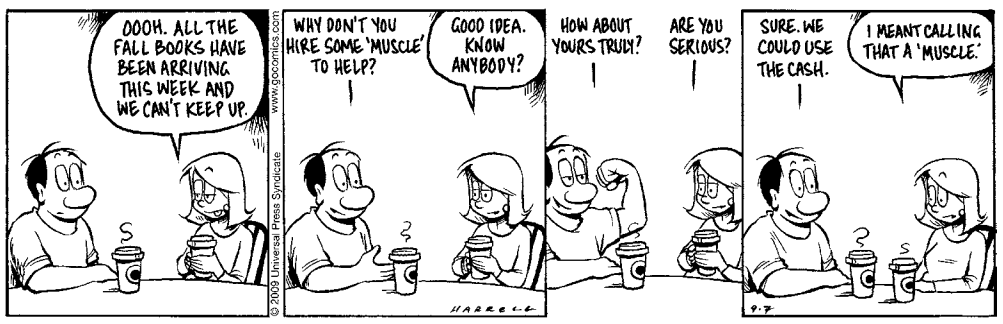
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HOW ABOUT YOURS TRULY?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
SURE. WE COULD USE THE CASH.
I MEANT CALLING THAT A 'MUSCLE.'
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UH, MOLLY... WHO'S YOUR LITTLE FRIEND?
THIS IS JACK. HE'S HERE FOR "NATIONAL TAKE YOUR BROTHER TO SCHOOL DAY."
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS "NATIONAL TAKE YOUR BROTHER TO SCHOOL DAY."
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OKAY. I'LL BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU. I'M PAYING HIM A NICKEL TO BE MY SCHOOL BAG SHERPA.
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12 Raw mineral
13 Apple pie maker's device
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17 Still, in verse
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21 Renounce
24 Deserve
25 Meadow
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28 Dining room need
31 Diplomacy
33 Pouch
35 Feeder filler
36 Egyptian crosses
38 "— favor, señor"
40 Compass dir.
41 Carina
43 Actor Liam
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48 Evening hour
49 "The Sign" band (1994)
54 Sprite
55 Chatter
56 Jewel
57 Born
58 No fan
59 H-deux-O

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1 Stir-fry pan
2 "Entourage" role
3 Japanese money
4 Agreement
5 Tenants
6 Sphere
7 Become one
8 Noah's landing site
9 Hive leaders
10 Supplemented, with "out"
11 Contradict
16 Wildebeest
20 History chapters
21 Sask. neighbor
22 Legume
23 Type of dive
27 Mouth, slangily
29 O'Brien's predecessor
30 Paradise
32 You, old-style
34 Mean
37 Angelic figure
39 Short coat
42 Wetsuit material
44 Recede
45 Microwave, e.g.
46 Anger
50 Chow down
51 Time of your life?
52 The Red or the Black
53 Ostrich's relative

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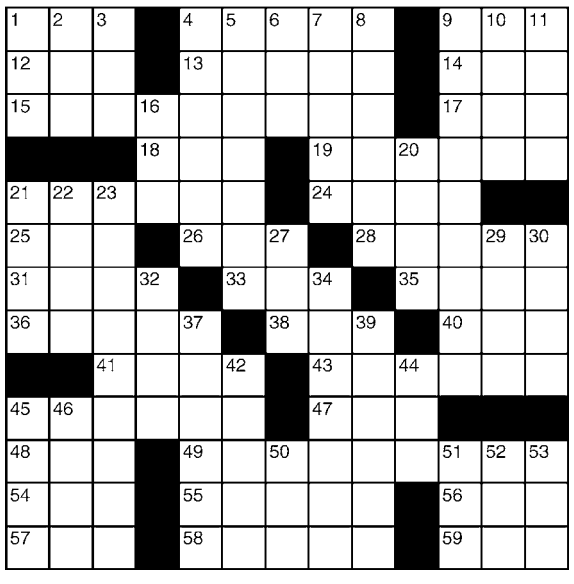

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Emotions will be difficult to control and could lead to costly mistakes. Put more emphasis on love and relationships or doing something that will raise your self-esteem. Take an interest in friends, family and children. ✪✪✪

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GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You have some amazing ideas that can help you advance professionally but, if you take on too much, you will fall short of your goals. Start small and build slowly. Let your talent fuel your plans. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't let your anger show. Someone is just waiting for you to make a mistake. Keep things under control by fulfilling your responsibilities. Good things will come your way if you are patient and put in extra hours. ✪✪

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SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): A few last-minute changes will ensure that you have everything just the way you want it. Let your memories and past experiences guide you. Don't let anyone lead you to believe you don't have something worthwhile to offer. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You can talk all you want but, if you are too pushy, you will be wasting your time and

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energy. Laying down the rules must be done in such a way that you don't offend anyone. Use a little charm and friendly persuasion. ✪✪

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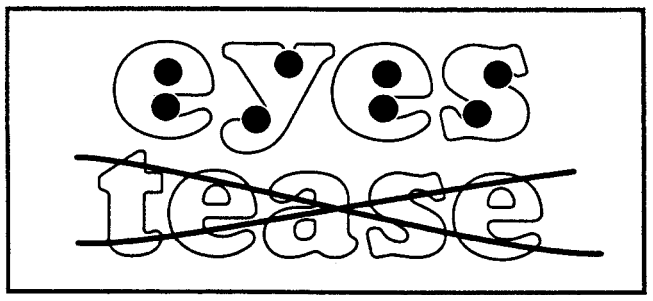

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Oudin, Isner stun past champions at US Open

NEW YORK (AP)—Melanie Oudin's face was flushed from a mix of exertion and excitement and maybe even a bit of bewilderment—"Yes, I DID beat Maria Sharapova!" running through her mind—when she stepped out of the U.S. Open locker room and saw Mom.

The pair embraced, kissed each other on the cheek, and Leslie Oudin told her 17-year-old daughter: "I'm very proud of you." Then they hugged some more, holding tight.

Melanie Oudin is still very much a kid from Marietta, Ga., enjoying the trip of her life in the Big Apple, playing foosball in the players' lounge and using words like "amazing" and "cool" as she works her dizzying way through the draw at Flushing Meadows. Oudin's latest win was the biggest so far: She knocked off three-time Grand Slam champion and former No. 1 Sharapova 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 Saturday to reach the U.S. Open's fourth round.

"I just had a blast," said Oudin, who buried her face in a towel and sobbed on the sideline when the match ended.

Several hours later, on the same court, another unheralded American who has lived in Georgia pulled off another upset of a past U.S. Open champion: 55th-ranked John Isner pounded 38 aces and eliminated No. 5 Andy Roddick 7-6 (3), 6-3, 3-6, 5-7, 7-6 (5) to reach the fourth round at a major tournament for the first time.

"It's obviously, hands down, the biggest win of my career. Nothing even compares. To do it at the stage I did it on is pretty spectacular. Maybe it will sink in a little bit more tomorrow," said Isner, who led the Georgia Bulldogs to the 2007 NCAA team championship. "But I know I can really do some damage here. So I'm not satisfied just yet."

Keeping with the day's theme, No. 1-seeded Dinara Safina exited, too, a 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (5) loser against 72nd-ranked Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic. After escaping the first two rounds with poorly played three-set victories, Safina wasted three match points Saturday night and finished with nine double-faults and 39 total unforced errors. Her departure means the Williams sisters are the only members of the top five women left in the field.

Roddick, meanwhile, is the only one of the top 16 men to lose. He won the 2003 Open and came oh-so-close to winning Wimbledon in July, but he now must resume his pursuit of a second career major title next year.

Instead, it's the 6-foot-9 Isner who moves on, thanks to some outstanding serving and success at the net: He won 42 of 67 points when he pushed forward.

Oudin's match immediately preceded Isner's, and her performance pumped him up.

"She plays with her heart out there," Isner said. "We really kind of have the same attributes. We fight really well. Although she didn't go to college, I think we got a little Bulldog in us. She's a little Bulldog. She's feisty."

Sharapova, it bears noting, double-faulted 21 times, the most by a woman in any 2009 tour match. But the 5-foot-6 Oudin's solid groundstrokes and tremendous court coverage - all those small, squeaky steps—and veteran-like presence played significant roles, too.

So, perhaps, did the partisan fans, who began hootin' and hollerin' to celebrate their girl's victory right as her racket met the ball on the clinching forehand winner.

AP

Melanie Oudin, left, of the United States shakes hands with Maria Sharapova of Russia at the net after her upset victory during the third round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009.

"I try to pretend that it's not, like, Arthur Ashe Stadium, playing Maria Sharapova. I try to just pretend it's any other match—even just practicing. Sometimes I tell myself I'm just practicing at my academy at home, and I'm just playing one of my friends," Oudin said. "So it's not a big deal."

Oh, it most certainly is a big deal.

A year ago, Oudin was ranked 221st and lost in the first round in New York. Now she is 70th—steadily moving up—and the youngest American woman in the U.S. Open's final 16 since Serena Williams a decade ago.

"Her first goal was to get into the tournament," Oudin's coach, Brian de Villiers said, "and the second one was to win a round here."

Check. Check. And then some, including a second-round upset of No. 4 Elena Dementieva, a two-time Grand Slam finalist and the Beijing Olympics gold medalist.

Nothing happening around the tournament grounds on a busy Saturday afternoon matched the buzz of Oudin-Sharapova, although that would have changed had 276th-ranked Jesse Witten of Naples, Fla., managed to pull off a similar stunner against No. 4 Novak Djokovic.

Witten won one set, and had chances to take another, before losing 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

"I wasn't getting outplayed too much," said Witten, 0-6 in tour-level matches before this week. "I felt like I was right at home a little bit."

Before Isner ousted Roddick, the top 16 men in the tournament were a combined 38-0. Leading the way was No. 1 Roger Federer, who overcame a sloppy first set and tumble to the court to beat two-time major champion Lleyton Hewitt 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.

Federer has won 14 consecutive matches against Hewitt, and 37 in a row at Flushing Meadows.

"I knew that being down a set against Lleyton is always going to be a difficult situation for me to be in: Make one more mistake and I'm in the fifth set, maybe, or I go down completely," said Federer, trying to become the first man since the 1920s to win the American Grand Slam tournament six consecutive years. "So I was relieved coming through."

Also into the fourth round: No. 8 Nikolay Davydenko, No. 10 Fernando Verdasco, No. 12 Robin Soderling and No. 14 Tommy Robredo. French Open runner-up Soderling beat No. 22 Sam Querrey of the United States 6-2, 7-5, 6-7 (6), 6-1, and Robredo defeated No. 21 James Blake of the United States 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4.

While this is new territory for Isner, Oudin has done this sort of thing before. Well, once before: She got to Wimbledon's fourth round this year by defeating former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic. After that match, Jankovic harrumphed that Oudin "cannot hurt you with anything; she doesn't have any weapons."

Sharapova disagreed. The 2006 U.S. Open champion was seeded 29th and has yet to fully rebuild her game after shoulder surgery in October, yet is far more experienced in these kinds of matters.

"Got to hand it to her," Sharapova said. "She really stuck to her game plan. She played solid. She made me hit a lot of balls."

Sharapova missed the mark plenty, compiling 63 unforced errors, 19 more than Oudin. All those double-faults, several at key moments, helped Oudin compile an astounding 26 break points—and she converted eight.

Oudin is 8 inches shorter than the 6-2 Sharapova—"You know, I sat out there thinking, 'Oh, my gosh, compared to Sharapova, she looks so tiny out there,'" Leslie Oudin said—but traded booming groundstrokes from the baseline.

"I can compete with these top girls," Melanie Oudin said. "And if I believe in myself, and my game, then I can beat them."

She's wearing pink-and-yellow sneakers with the word "BELIEVE" stamped near the heel—it was her boyfriend's idea—and that mantra clearly has served Oudin well.

It wasn't all that long ago that Sharapova was the up-and-comer, the 17-year-old who won Wimbledon, then tried to make a cell phone call to Mom right there on Centre Court.

So heed Sharapova's words when she says of Oudin: "I certainly think she has a great future ahead of her."

Oudin now faces a fourth consecutive Russian ranked higher than she is: No. 13 Nadia Petrova.

"The funny thing is," de Villiers said, "when the draw came out, I said to her: 'You realize, to win this tournament, you're going to have to beat six Russians and a Williams.'"

Must have been a tongue-in-cheek comment at the time, but who would doubt Melanie Oudin of Marietta, Ga., now?

O'Hair, Furyk grab the early lead in Boston

NORTON, Mass. (AP)—Tiger Woods couldn't make enough putts to catch up with the players who couldn't miss.

Sean O'Hair and Jim Furyk set the pace Saturday at the Deutsche Bank Championship and brought Retief Goosen along for the ride. That threesome combined to make 17 birdies and one eagle, finishing two rounds at a combined 34-under par.

All that counted was the individual scoring, which wasn't bad, either.

O'Hair ran off six birdies and an eagle during an eight-hole stretch in the middle of his round for a 7-under 64, giving him a share of the lead with Furyk, who had six birdies to offset a few mistakes for a 67.

They were at 12-under 130.

"We saw a lot of good golf and a lot of good golf shots," Furyk said. "And obviously, I saw some putts go in."

Woods arrived later in the day, and instead of making a charge, he flirted with missing the cut. He was on the verge of going below the cut line when he faced a 12-foot par on No. 9, a tricky 5-foot putt on the 10th and a 20-foot par putt on the 11th after gouging a shot out of a plugged lie in the bunker. He made them all, then ran off four birdies over his final seven holes for a 67.

That left the No. 1 player still stewing over three birdies he missed inside 10 feet on the back nine, realizing that he needed to make up as much ground as the could. Woods was seven shots behind.

"They haven't been lipping in, they've been lipping out," Woods said. "That's about par for the course right now. Today is one of those days where I could have gone really low."

That was left to just about everyone else.

Nearly half of the 99-man field shot in the 60s, with Marc Leishman improving his hopes of advancing in the FedEx Cup playoffs with a tournament-low 62 that left him two shots out of the lead, along with Goosen.

Scott Verplank made an eagle for the second straight day on his way to a 68, leaving him in a group of players at 9-under 133 that included Justin Leonard, Mike Weir, Kevin Sutherland and John Senden, who recorded the rarest shot in golf. Senden made a double eagle on the par-5 second hole, holing out from 250 yards with a 4-iron. He shot a 64.

"It looked like it was just going to roll to the back of the green or just over the back," Senden said. "And then when the I saw the cheers go up, I knew it was in the hole, so it was exciting."

Most of the excitement came in the morning, however, as O'Hair, Furyk and Goosen lit up the scoreboard in pristine conditions. The best viewing belonged to Geoff Ogilvy in the group behind them.

"When you're watching the group ahead of you throwing birdie after birdie, you know you have to keep making them," said Ogilvy, who managed a 68 and was in the large group at 8-under 134.

O'Hair has been stuck in neutral most of the summer, doing a lot of things right except putting together good scores. He was determined to stay patient, and he needed that in a group that was pouring in birdie putts.

"It can either help your or it can really hurt you," O'Hair said. "If you get impatient out there, it can be a detriment. But with the attitude I had out there the last couple of days, it was nice."

Furyk, winless in more than two years, went 25 consecutive holes without missing a green until he found a fairway bunker on No. 15 that led to bogey. Even so, he was steady as ever and feeling better about his chance of ending his drought. He has never gone two consecutive seasons without winning since he joined the PGA Tour.

"I didn't expect to go out there and hit 13 fairways and 18 greens today," he said. "I hit a few bad shots, got loose once in a while, but was able to score well all day."

Everyone in his group did that. There were only five holes where no one made birdie.

Steve Stricker shared the 18-hole lead with Furyk and appeared to be on his way toward catching him with consecutive birdies as he was approaching the turn. That changed with one bad tee shot and several missed putts inside 6 feet.

Woods, meanwhile, didn't need a leaderboard to realize he was hovering around the cut at 1 under.

"I saw a lot of media guys out there, so I thought I'd better turn this thing around and make them go away," he said.

It started with pars on three straight holes, starting at No. 9. After that, Woods hit everything inside 12 feet and made some, although he was increasing frustrated by missed birdie chances of 7 feet at No. 13, 10 feet at No. 15 and 10 feet at no. 17.

He was at 5-under 137 needing a low round Sunday to get back into the mix for the Labor Day finishes. And as the first two days have shown, low scores certainly are out there.

Dodgers close on NL West crown, beat Padres

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Andre Ethier homered and doubled in a run as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Diego Padres 7-4 on Saturday, moving a step closer to sealing the National League West title.

Pitcher Randy Wolf earned his 100th major league victory. He allowed four hits in seven innings, striking out five with no walks while becoming the first pitcher in the majors this season to make 30 starts.

The 33-year-old left-hander, whose season has included 14 no-decisions, retired his final 13 batters.

The Dodgers retained a 4-1/2 game lead in the NL West with 25 to play.

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers' Andre Ethier follows through on his RBI-double off San Diego Padres pitcher Luis Perdomo in the sixth inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009.

Giants 3, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Matt Cain outpitched Yovani Gallardo for his first win in more than six weeks and San Francisco edged Milwaukee.

Gallardo gave up a homer to spark a two-run rally in the fourth inning and the Giants went on to win, staying one game behind Colorado in the wild card race.

Cain scattered four hits and pitched into the eighth inning, matching his career high for wins at 13 after going seven starts without one.

Rockies 4, Diamondbacks 1

In Denver, Jose Contreras pitched 6 2-3 solid innings to lead Colorado over Arizona.

Acquired on Monday from the Chicago White Sox for a minor leaguer, Contreras paid immediate dividends for the Rockies, keeping them ahead in the wild card showdown.

Cardinals 2, Pirates 1, 10 innings

In Pittsburgh, Albert Pujols led off the 10th inning with his second career pinch-hit home run, and St. Louis defeated Pittsburgh.

The Pirates suffered a ninth straight loss, despite pitcher Ross Ohlendorf giving up only an unearned run in eight innings. He also became the 40th major league pitcher to strike out the side on nine pitches in an inning.

Pittsburgh lost its 81st game of the season. With one more defeat, they would become the first team in any of the four major American major sports to have 17 consecutive losing seasons.

Pujols, whose game-breaking three-run shot carried the Cardinals to victory Friday, hit a pitch far beyond the center-field wall for his major league-high 44th homer.

Reds 3, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Joey Votto hit a two-run homer as Cincinnati won a season-best sixth straight, denying Atlanta.

The fading Braves, who fell six games behind Colorado in the NL wild-card race, have lost four straight.

Kip Wells pitched six innings of one-hit ball for the Reds, winning for the first time in more than 16 months.

Cubs 5, Mets 3

In New York, Derrek Lee homered twice and drove in three runs in his return to Chicago's lineup, punishing New York.

Rich Harden struck out 10, all swinging, and Aramis Ramirez also had a two-run homer for Chicago, which scored its most runs since beating the Mets 11-4 a week prior.

Marlins 9, Nationals 5

In Washington, Hanley Ramirez homered for Florida, handing woeful Washington a season-worst eighth consecutive loss.

Josh Johnson earned his 14th win, allowing two hits over five innings. He retired his final 11 batters in Florida's fourth straight victory. He is 5-0 in his career against the Nationals.

Washington's losing streak is its longest since the team dropped 12 straight in August last year.

The Marlins stayed four games behind Colorado for the NL wild card.

Astros 5, Phillies 4

In Houston, Kaz Matsui's two-run single off Brad Lidge with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Houston a comeback victory over Philadelphia.

With one out in the ninth, a walk, single and another walk loaded the bases. After a ground out into a force play at the plate, Matsui singled to hand Lidge his 10th blown save in 48 chances this season.

Yankees 6, Blue Jays 4

In Toronto, Mark Teixeira and Robinson Cano homered to lead the New York Yankees to a win over the Toronto Blue Jays, further extending their lead in the American League East division standings.

Both homers came off Toronto rookie pitcher Brett Cecil, who allowed seven hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Tigers 8, Rays 6

In St. Petersburg, Florida, pinch-hitter Marcus Thames came through with a tie-breaking single during a two-run eighth inning and Alex Avila hit a two-run homer as Detroit overcame Tampa Bay.

Detroit, which had been three runs down, went ahead 8-6 when Thames hit a bases-loaded single and Adam Everett drove in a run with a sacrifice bunt.

White Sox 5, Red Sox 1

In Chicago, Gavin Floyd retired his first 17 batters, dominating from the mound to set up Chicago's win over Boston.

Floyd gave up only three hits in eight innings and struck out a career-high 11 while walking none. He was in line for a perfect game until a single with two outs in the sixth. Floyd lost his shutout with a leadoff homer in the eighth that made it 4-1.

Athletics 9, Mariners 5

In Oakland, California, Cliff Pennington hit a two-run homer for Oakland in the win over Seattle.

The Mariners had their four-game winning streak end but Ichiro Suzuki did edge within one hit of 2,000 for his career.

Orioles 5, Rangers 4

In Baltimore, Melvin Mora homered and drove in three runs as Baltimore put a dent in Texas' playoff push.

Mora hit a solo homer in the second inning, a two-out RBI single in the third and snapped a 4-4 tie with a two-out single in the fifth. Besides his sparkling performance at the plate, the third baseman also made an outstanding catch of a foul bunt in the eighth inning.

Orioles rookie pitcher Brian Matusz earned his third straight win.

Angels 2, Royals 1, 11 innings

In Kansas City, Missouri, Erick Aybar had three hits, including a tiebreaking RBI single in the 11th, as Los Angeles snuch past Kansas City.

Aybar's scored Torii Hunter, who led off the 11th with a single and moved to second on a wild pitch. After a one-out walk, Aybar stroked a run-scoring single to right.

Twins 4, Indians 1

In Cleveland, pitcher Scott Baker won his seventh straight decision and extended his mastery of Cleveland, steering Minnesota to victory.

Baker, who gave up one run in six innings, is 4-0 with a 0.93 ERA in four starts against Cleveland this season. He hasn't lost since July 7, a span of 11 starts.

Cut down day: NFL teams pare rosters to 53

David Tyree has gone from Super Bowl hero to unemployed hero. Tyree was released by the New York Giants on Saturday in the final cutdown that also featured a late trade, with backup tight end Michael Matthews, another Super Bowl veteran, being shipped to the New England Patriots for a conditional draft pick.

Tyree missed last season after injuring his hamstring while coming back from offseason knee surgery. The 29-year-old wide receiver battled minor groin, hamstring and knee injuries in training camp this year and played only two preseason games, missing the last two.

"It's obviously a time of mixed feelings," Tyree said Saturday. "This is part of the journey. It's not like it's a great day. But at the same time I'm filled with expectations about what's next on this track, and I'm excited, as well."

Tyree made one of the most remarkable catches in Super Bowl history some 19 months ago when the Giants defeated the previously unbeaten New England Patriots.

With the Giants trailing 14-10 late in the fourth quarter and faced with a third-and-5, Tyree hauled in a 32-yard pass from Eli Manning, pinning the ball against his helmet as defender Rodney Harrison yanked him to the ground.

The play set up Manning's winning touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress.

"It's the big bang theory," said Tyree, who caught the ball after Manning avoided a sack. "It's a moment that obviously will never be taken, it's a moment that I will cherish. I said after the game, if I never get a chance to play football again, I can't be upset with the way my career went."

The winner between the ex-Heisman Trophy contenders battling for the Washington Redskins third-string quarterback job? Try "none of the above."

The Redskins placed Colt Brennan on injured reserve with hip and hamstring injuries, and his competition for the job, Chase Daniel, was one of the final cuts.

Brennan aggravated a nagging hamstring problem in Thursday night's game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, but he's also been battling a previously undisclosed hip injury. Brennan missed much of the offseason work in 2008 after surgery on his other hip.

Veteran running back Dominic Rhodes was released by the Buffalo Bills, who continued shaking up their offense a day after firing coordinator Turk Schonert.

Rhodes' agent, Todd France, confirmed his client had been released earlier in the day, before the team announced Rhodes was among the 18 players cut in order for the team to establish its 53-player roster.

Rhodes' release was considered a surprise as he was expected to serve as a primary backup to Fred Jackson to open the season at New England on Sept. 14 while starter Marshawn Lynch serves an NFL-imposed three-game suspension.

Rex Grossman's performance in Houston's final preseason game not only earned him a spot on the final roster, it gave him a chance to be the Texans' backup quarterback.

Grossman missed most of the preseason with a hamstring injury. He returned Friday night to throw two touchdown passes in Houston's 27-20 win over Tampa Bay and survive the last round of cuts.

Running back Danny Woodhead has made the New York Jets.

The 5-foot-9, 195-pound Woodhead made a strong case after running for 158 yards and two touchdowns in the preseason finale against Philadelphia on Thursday night. Already a fan favorite, the former NCAA career rushing leader spent last season on injured reserve because of a knee injury.

In contrast, John David Booty made a poor throw at the worst possible time.

A day after having an interception returned for a touchdown in the preseason finale against Dallas, Booty was among the final cuts for the Minnesota Vikings, leaving the team with Tarvaris Jackson and Sage Rosenfels behind starter Brett Favre.

Booty was in his second season as a developmental quarterback out of USC. He does have practice squad eligibility, so the Vikings could bring him back if another team does not sign him.

Booty, a fifth-round pick in 2008, likely sealed his fate Friday night. He threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown, infuriating coach Brad Childress.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers cut kicker Matt Bryant and settled on entering the regular season with four quarterbacks.

Bryant was released even though his 83.1 field goal rate in four seasons is the best in franchise history. He injured his right hamstring in practice last month and did not kick in the preseason.

Former Jets kicker Mike Nugent, signed as a free agent during the offseason, handled all of the kicking duties in preseason and made 6 of 9 field goals.

Coach Raheem Morris initially projected he'd only carry three quarterbacks into the Sept. 13 opener against Dallas, but second-year pro Josh Johnson earned a spot behind Byron Leftwich, Luke McCown and first-round draft pick Josh Freeman with a solid training camp and preseason. McCown was later traded to the Jacksonville Jaguars for an undisclosed pick in next year's NFL draft.

Another team made a QB move when Jeff Garcia, who was signed by Oakland in the offseason to push JaMarcus Russell and serve as a mentor to the former No. 1 overall draft pick, was among 22 players let go by the Raiders.

The decision to release Garcia means Bruce Gradkowski and Charlie Frye will head into the regular season as Russell's backups. ***(AP)***

Pacquiao: 8-week training is enough

BOXING

Downplaying concerns about his seemingly late preparation for his showdown with Puerto Rican champion Miguel Cotto on Nov. 14, Pacquiao yesterday said that through the years he found out that eight weeks was all he needed to whip himself into shape.

"If I go over eight weeks I might get burned out," Pacquiao said in Filipino during yesterday's launching of a new shampoo product at the Renaissance Hotel in Makati City.

"But if I train for a shorter period, I may not be able to hit peak form."

Still busy with film and endorsement commitments, Pacquiao intends to start training after his press tour with Cotto starting on Sept. 10 at the New York Yankees Stadium.

Pacquiao

They will proceed to Cotto's hometown, Caguas, Puerto Rico, on Sept. 12 , fly back to San Francisco on Sept. 13 and then to Los Angeles on Sept. 14.

Pacquiao may then go to San Diego on Sept. 15, then start training with master trainer Freddie Roach either in Toluca, Mexico, or in Baguio City.

Earlier, Roach expressed apprehension that Pacquiao and his advisers may be taking the fight against WBO welterweight champion Cotto too lightly.

In contrast, Cotto is hell-bent on besting the pound-for-pound king, starting his training as early as Aug. 3.

While Pacquiao has yet to start his physical conditioning, Cotto had his first sparring session against Puerto Rican welterweight Frankie Santos on Aug. 31 in Caguas.

In his last three victories over David Diaz, Oscar De La Hoya and Ricky Hatton, Pacquiao also trained for eight weeks at Roach's Wild Card Gym in Hollywood. ***(PDI)***

TINIAN

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weekend event. Luke gave up two sets.

Ma won over Shi, 11-8, 11-8, 4-11, 11-9; against Gurung, 11-7, 11-6, 11-7; against Kim, 11-2, 11-5, 11-4; against Kwang, 11-3, 11-2, 11-5; against Roh, 11-6, 11-4, 11-3; against Park, 11-3, 11-4, 11-4, against Hamamoto, 11-7, 11-6, 11-5, and Lim, 11-4, 11-2, 11-8.

Luke's wins were against Hamamoto, 11-7, 11-5, 11-3; Kim, 11-3, 11-7, 11-8; Shi, 11-4, 5-11, 11-8, 9-11, 15-13; Gurung, 11-8, 12-10, 11-6; Park, 11-2, 11-6, 13-11; Lim, 11-5, 11-6, 11-9; Kwon, 8-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-9; and Roh, 11-6, 11-7, 11-9.

Saipan's Shi saved third place with her 6-2 record. Her losses were against Luke and Ma. Shi defeated Liu, 11-9, 11-4, 11-3; Yue, 11-3, 11-2, 11-4; Cheng, 13-15, 11-6, 11-3, 11-4; Robin Lu, 11-8, 11-6, 11-6; Liang, 11-5, 15-13, 11-6, and Su Yong, 11-7, 11-5, 7-11, 11-9.

Shi tied three other players for third place and won in the tiebreak after determining each player's total number of sets won and sets lost.

In the doubles event, the all-female tandem of Roh and Shi kept the championships after going undefeated in four games. Brothers Luke and Robin Lu were runners-up with their 3-1 record.

Roh and Shi topped Liu and Cheng in straight sets, 11-8, 11-8, 11-5, and gained their second win via another straight set victory over Su Yong and Yue, 11-4, 11-9, 11-6.

The Saipan duo's last two games were extended ones, as they battled the tandems of Ma and Liang and the Lu siblings in five sets.

Roh and Shi lost the first two sets against the Lu brothers, 10-12, 9-11, before sweeping the last three to steal the win, 11-8, 11-9, 11-6.

Against Ma and Liang, Roh and Shi won the first and third set, 11-8, 11-5. Ma and Liang prevailed in the second and fourth set, 11-9, 11-5, but Roh and Shi won the deciding third set, 11-6, to retain the doubles title they won on Tinian. The Saipan lady ping-pong players topped Ma and Liang in the finals, 3-2, on Tinian in May.

JI HOON

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of 16 qualifiers.

Unseeded Joo-Ho Maeng ruled Week 1 after stunning the No. 3 seed Jae Won Yun in the finals, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-5.

Heo and teammate Yeong-Mo Yang were also not lucky in the first round of the doubles event, as they lost to the tandem of Young Hun Lee and Sung Jun Park, 2-6, 4-6.

Before coming to Korea, Heo was in Fiji for more than two weeks to compete in two events. He had a successful first week in Lautoka, as he topped the 18-and-under division of the 2009 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships. Heo went unbeaten in the POJC and did not drop a single set in his six matches.

In the second week, a strained back forced Heo to pullout from the 2009 ITF Oceania Closed Junior Championships. The CNMI netter still managed to play in the first round and since he was in pain, he easily lost the game. He then forfeited his matches in the consolation draw.

The Oceania Closed event in Fiji was a regional event and would had given Heo more Junior ITF ranking points. The Oceania Closed meet is B2 event and a regional championship which awards 120 points to the champion, 80 to the runner-up, 60 to the semifinalist, 40 to quarterfinalists, 25 to losers in Round of 16, and 10 to Losers of Round of 32.

Coming into Fiji, Heo was ranked No. 1,018 in the world after earning Junior ITF points from tournaments in New Caledonia and Australia.

SWEEPS

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Three more singles games were being played yesterday thus results were unavailable at press time.

Ito was to collide against Mae Angelie Ito in the women's B singles, while Arago was to duel Andreau Galvez in the men's A division, and Jojo Savellano was to face James Digno in the men's B division.

In the doubles division, eight matches were completed.

Three pairs played extended games before pulling off similar wins, while five took the short route to victories.

Galvez and Angie Ito dropped the first set to the tandem of Jorge Olanda and Marlene Peraja, 13-21, before sweeping the next two sets, 21-12, 21-15, to steal the win. Roger Vales and Malou Malasarte took the first set of their game against Keno San Pablo and Lucelle Lampera, 21-14, but failed to finish the match early after losing the second set, 21-17. Malasarte and Vales then regrouped in the third set to drill a 21-14 win.

Olanda and Peraja bounced back from a loss with a 21-9, 18-21, 21-19 victory over San Pablo and Lampera.

Ezekiel Macario and Merlie Tolentino posted the easiest victory of the day with their 21-4, 21-10 win over the tandem of Rob Harrell and Malou Mendoza,

Also recording straight set wins were Joey Algenio and Riza Y. against Manantsu Omori and Jenine Savellano, 21-9, 21-12; Lito Mendoza and Shirley Kim against Edwin Montoya and Villaflor, 21-19, 21-19; Aries Cordero and Cheng Saturno against Jojo Savellano and Camille Samonte, 21-16, 21-17, and Efren Cacdac and Anna Alvarez against Savellano and Samonte, 21-12, 21-19.

Two more doubles games were being played yesterday. The duos of Malasarte and Vales and Cordero and Saturno split the first two sets and were dueling in the deciding third set last night. Malasarte and Vales won the first set, 21-13, but Cordero and Saturno forced a third set with a 21-19 win in the second set.

The other unfinished doubles game was between the pairs of Espana and Elna Curate and Puy Macario and Annett Quiambao.

TSUNAMI

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Lee, Monica Kang, Asia Raulerson, Julie Conner, and Ton and Puti'on Camacho.

The developmental pool has 15 swimmers, namely David Yang, Jaime Soledad, F.J. Dalusung, Jiggs Agudo, Matthew Mamaril, Kevin Engelskjen, Jefferson Cunanan, Jayce Yoshimura, Akiro Cho, Panida Eitz, Euray Lim, Chessa Dalusung, Kathrine Illahi, Cindy Yang, and Sophie Kim.

World Championship veteran Shin Kimura and Kai Staal are two of the only three swimmers left in the Sensyu [senior] division, as Rezne Wong had already graduated and is now in Hawaii. The third member of the Sensyu division is Kensuke Kimura.

The Toda—Kaisei, Kosei and Ryosei—and the Yanai brothers—Kaito and Hiroto—are promoted to the Jyun-Sensyu [junior] division, along with female swimmers Angel Marie Tan and Angel De Jesus. The Ikusei II [Advance II] division has only Takumi Sugie on the list, while Andrian Yue, Steve Choi, and Rena Chon comprised the Ikusei I [Advance I] division.

Training sessions are held from Monday to Saturday with the schedule depending on each division.

Members of the developmental group train every Monday to Friday from 5pm to 6pm and from 4:30pm to 5:30pm every Saturday. Classes are focused on recreational swimming and instilling water confidence.

For beginners, sessions are held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4pm to 5:30pm and every Saturday from 3:30pm to 5pm. Participants in this division are taught of the basic four strokes in short races and are encouraged to consistently attend practices.

Swimmers in the Ikusei I and II practice every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30pm to 6pm and every Saturday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. These divisions focus on improving and refining swimmers' strokes and have swimmers race in longer events.

The Senyu and Jyun-Sensyu divisions have the most rigorous training as they practiced six times a week. Monday to Friday's training sessions are from 3:50pm to 6pm, while Saturday's are from 7:30am to 9:30am and from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Swimmers in the Senyu and Jyun-Sensyus are prepared for local and off-island tournaments and are encouraged to achieve the best possible time in their respective events.

Tsunami Saipan's coaching staff is composed of head coach Hiro Kimura, coach Stan Good and Marystar Welch, assistant coach Kaori Toda, and team manager Yuko Kimura.

Good is also the club's president with Arthur Camacho as his vice president. Other officers are Yuko Kimura, treasurer; Milet Wong, secretary; and Elna Santos, parents representatives.

For more information, contact Yuko Kimura at 789-7842.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	49	.640	—
Boston	78	57	.578	8 1/2
Tampa Bay	72	63	.533	14 1/2
Toronto	60	75	.444	26 1/2
Baltimore	55	81	.404	32

Central Division

Detroit	74	61	.548	—
Minnesota	68	67	.504	6
Chicago	68	69	.496	7
Cleveland	59	76	.437	15
Kansas City	51	84	.378	23

West Division

Los Angeles	80	54	.597	—
Texas	76	59	.563	4 1/2
Seattle	72	65	.526	9 1/2
Oakland	60	76	.441	21

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	77	56	.579	—
Florida	72	64	.529	6 1/2
Atlanta	70	66	.515	8 1/2
New York	61	75	.449	17 1/2
Washington	46	90	.338	32 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	81	56	.591	—
Chicago	68	66	.507	11 1/2
Houston	65	70	.481	15
Milwaukee	65	70	.481	15
Cincinnati	62	73	.459	18
Pittsburgh	53	81	.396	26 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	81	56	.591	—
Colorado	76	60	.559	4 1/2
San Francisco	75	61	.551	5 1/2
Arizona	61	76	.445	20
San Diego	60	77	.438	21

Yesterday's Games

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San Francisco 3, Milwaukee 2
Florida 9, Washington 5
Houston 5, Philadelphia 4
St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings
Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 1
Colorado 4, Arizona 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, San Diego 4
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Boston 1
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1
Baltimore 5, Texas 4
Detroit 8, Tampa Bay 6
L.A. Angels 2, Kansas City 1, 11 innings
Oakland 9, Seattle 5

DEUTSCHE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

NORTON, Massachussets (AP)–Scores Saturday from the $7.5 million Deutsche Bank Championship at the 7,202-yard, par-71 TPC Boston course:

SECOND ROUND

Sean O'Hair	66-64–130
Jim Furyk	63-67–130
Marc Leishman	70-62–132
Retief Goosen	65-67–132
Dustin Johnson	68-65–133
Scott Verplank	65-68–133
John Senden	69-64–133
Justin Leonard	65-68–133
Mike Weir	68-65–133
Kevin Sutherland	68-65–133
Geoff Ogilvy	66-68–134
Jason Day	68-66–134
Angel Cabrera	65-69–134
Padraig Harrington	67-67–134
Charlie Wi	71-64–135
Pat Perez	70-65–135
Jason Dufner	66-69–135
Bill Haas	69-66–135
Jerry Kelly	66-69–135
Steve Stricker	63-72–135
Kevin Na	69-66–135
Jeff Overton	69-66–135
Scott Piercy	67-69–136
David Toms	67-69–136
Matt Kuchar	65-71–136
Bryce Molder	67-69–136
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The Week in Sports

Triathlon, football top headlines

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Triathlon and football brought the good news for the CNMI sports community last week.

Triathlon Mieko Carey gave pride to the Commonwealth when she ruled the female pro division of the 2009 XTERRA Japan in Marunuma.

Carey completed the 1.2-k swim, 25-km mountain bike race, and 10-k run in three hours, 16 seconds to beat Australian pro Kylee Lock by less than four minutes.

The 38-year-old Saipan triathlete was among the 250 participants in the 2009 XTERRA Saipan and finished 14th overall. Carey was fifth overall in the swim leg with her time of 16:50, seventh in the bike leg with a time of 1:48:00, and 12th in the run leg with a time of 54 minutes.

Carey's victory in Japan earned her a NMASA Female Athlete of the Month [for August] Award during Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association's meeting on Thursday. Also gaining monthly citations were athletics' Yvonne Bennett, Jacque Wonenberg, and Tyrone Omar, and tennis' Ji Hoon Heo.

Another good news came a few more days after Carey conquered XTERRA Japan, as Northern Mariana Islands Football Association announced Asian Football Confederation's granting of associate membership to NMIFA.

NMIFA was informed of the good news only late last month during the East Asian Football Federation Women's Football Championship 2010 Semifinals Competition in Tainan County, Taiwan. However, NMIFA's application for associate membership in AFC was official granted on July 15 this year during the AFC Executive Committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Gaining associate membership from AFC will allow NMIFA to use the sport's governing body's resources for the development of CNMI coaches, players, and referees.

NMIFA is hoping to get the full membership status in the next few years and then start its bid for membership to FIFA.

Over 50 members of the Northern Marianas Badminton Association participated in the IT&E Singles and Mixed Doubles Badminton Tournament 2009, which started its first week of action last week at the REM Court in Gualo Rai.

Over at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, the 2009 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League and the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League continued their regular season games.

Fives teams were still undefeated after Week 2 of the Rotary caging. Gaining their second win in as many games were the G-Stars, Sixers, Runnin' Rebels, Kagman Sparks, and Sonics, while 670 Rollers broke into the win column after losing its debut.

Also unbeaten was IT&E in the inter-government/business caging, as the host won back-to-back games last week to improve to a 6-0 record. IT&E first defeated CPA-Accounting then Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters.

Recording victories too last week were Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Customs, and Bank of Guam.

DCCA topped Public School System-McGraw Hill, 82-71, to end its two-game losing skid, while Customs also entered the win column after two failed attempts via a 73-60 triumph over ARFF. Bank of Guam pulled off a 77-76 triumph over Micronesian Brokers, Inc.

Still in basketball, three teams ruled the rain-delayed UBA 3-on-3 King of Da Court Basketball Tournament at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Wailers prevailed in the 21-and-over division, Marvelous ruled the 20-and-under age group, and Kagman Ayuyus won the 15-and-under category.

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Youth players are seen here during a clinic early last month. CNMI football players are expected to get more assistance in developing their skills following NMIFA's associate membership to Asian Football Confederation.

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Jacque Wonenberg was named top athlete for August, along with four others who competed in off-island tournaments last month.

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Sexy 670's Jacob Palacios, right, looks for a teammate to pass to as he is guarded by Flipps' Nino Feria during UBA's 3-on-3 tournament.

From left, CPA-Accounting's Jeff Cloud, IT&E's Bruce Berline, and Ed Diaz prepare for the rebound play during their game in the inter-government/business league at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last week.

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Mieko Carey crosses the finish line in the 2009 XTERRA Japan in Marunuma.

NMBA president Shirley Kim, left, and Lito Mendoza are seen here in action in their doubles game against Macoi Aguda and Merlie Tolentino in Week 1 of the IT&E badminton tournament at the REM court.

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Kagman Sparks' Eugene Manglona goes up for a shot against 670 Rollers' Savili Talalemoto during their game in the Rotary caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last week.

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Oudin, Isner stun past champions at US Open

Melanie Oudin's face was flushed from a mix of exertion and excitement and maybe even a bit of bewilderment–"Yes, I DID beat Maria Sharapova!" running through her mind–when she stepped out of the U.S. Open locker room and saw Mom. 24

Tinian keeps goodwill tourney title

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Tinian retained the championship in the 12th Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament after outclassing host Saipan, 35-29, on Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Team captain Mark Ma and Robin Lu led Tinian's successful championship defense, as they went undefeated in eight games. Other members of the Tinian Team were Su Yong Dong, Robin Lu, Liang Wei Bin, Alfred Yue, Bright Liu, and Charlie Cheng.

Saipan, which lost to Tinian, 21-43, in the 11th edition of the biannual event played at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino in May this year, was composed Steve Smith, Budhi Gurung, Jean Shi and Young Soon Roh of Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association, Guam's Hisamitsu Hamamoto, and Iek Khyun Ahn, Kwon Young Jo, Kim Gi Jo, and Tae Won Park of the Korean Ping-Pong Association.

Tinian was awarded the championship trophy during a brief award ceremony at the World Resort. The Top 3 placers in singles competitions were also recognized and received plaques from MATTA president Lim.

Ma claimed the No. 1 spot after beating Luke in a tiebreak. Ma and Lu finished the tournament with identical 8-0 slates, but the former won in the tiebreak, as he dropped only a set in the

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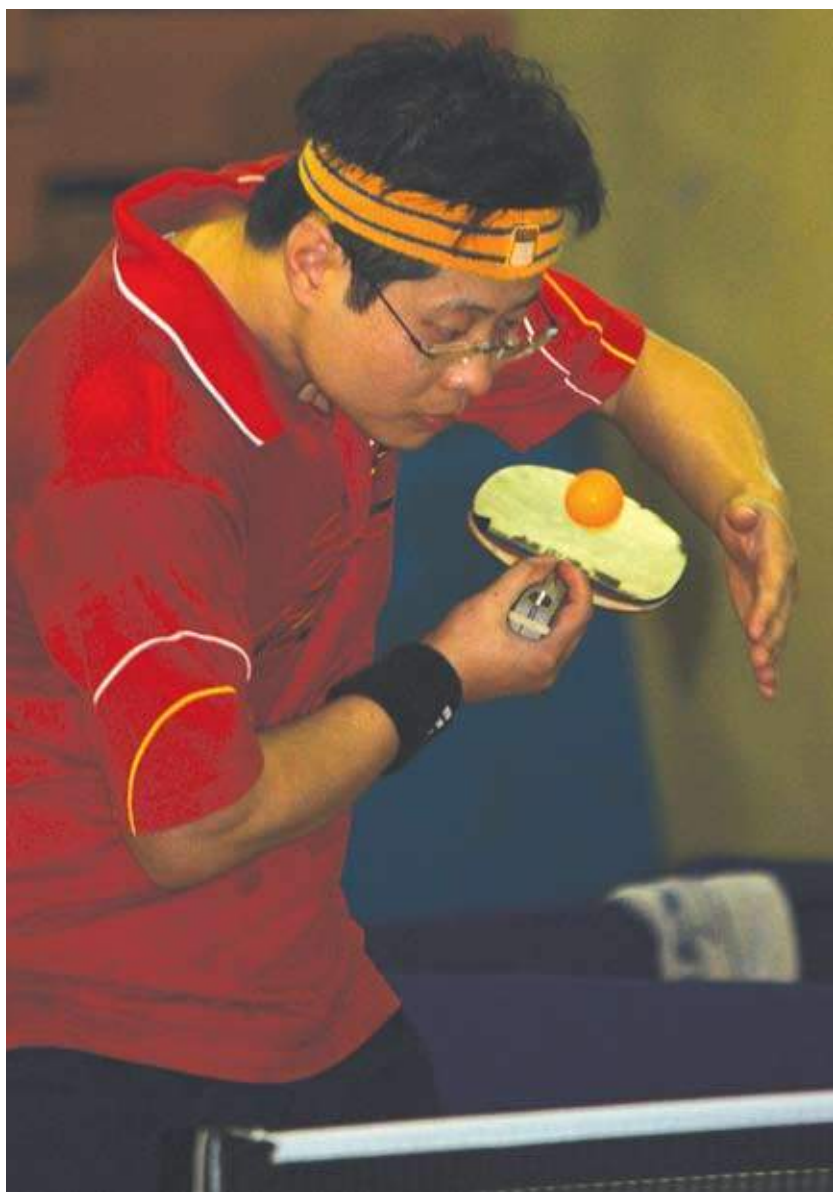

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Luke Lu of Tinian serves during his singles game against Saipan's Steve Lim in the 12th Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament on Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Sweeps mark Week 2 of badminton tourney

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Straight-set wins was the theme of the day in the singles competition of the IT&E Singles and Mixed Doubles Badminton Tournament 2009 yesterday at the REM Court in Gualo Rai.

In the women's singles B, Christy Villaflor topped Loida Ito, 21-17, 21-7, while in the men's singles, three others also cruised to straight sets victory.

Rodwealth Espana defeated Raphael Zapanta, 21-14, 21-15 in the men's C division; Macoi Aguda thwarted Ferdie Arago, 23-21, 21-18, and Gary Bandoja whipped Daniel Macario, 21-17, 21-19, in men's C division matches.

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Gary Bandoja stretches to return a shot to Daniel Macario during their men's A singles game in the IT&E Singles and Mixed Doubles Badminton Tournament 2009 yesterday at the REM Court in Gualo Rai.

Ji Hoon loses first round match in Korea

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CNMI junior tennis player Ji Hoon Heo debuted in the YangGu International Junior Championships-Week 1 2009 with a loss, bowing to Korea's Sang Yob Kim in straight sets on Tuesday at KangWon-Do, South Korea.

Heo lost to Kim in the Round of 32, 4-6, 3-6, foiling the former's bid for Junior ITF ranking points. The tournament in Korea last week was one of the last two Junior ITF events that Heo will be competing in before returning to Saipan and concluding his three-month off-island campaign. The CNMI netter is scheduled to compete in Week 2 of the same event starting tomorrow.

The Korean tournament is a Grade 5 event under the Junior ITF circuit calendar. It offers as much as 30 ranking points to the champion, 20 to runner-up, 15 to semifinalists, 10 to quarterfinalists, and five to Round

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Ji Hoon Heo, seen here returning a shot in a local tournament, is in Korea for two Junior ITF events.

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Tsunami Saipan has 55 swimmers for new season

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan resumed its training session last month and listed 55 swimmers for the 2009-2010 season.

The bulk of the Tsunami Saipan roster came from the beginners division, which had 26 swimmers. The list include Kodie Castro, Doo Yong, Thomas, and Albert Lee, Enoch Lim, James Marasigan, Kentaro Kitagawa, Nathaniel Lim, Rober and Mark Haag, Yuuki Nishida, Mark Maestro, Lucas Kang, Ryuto Yanai, Andrew and Audrey Yue, Frederic Guintu, Betrice Dumlao, Moena Takagi, Jane and Flora

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan swimmers pose for a group photo during a break in their training sessions at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.